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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

This has been an unusual year in so many ways, and you will have likely felt this more than most year groups.

When the announcement was made to not sit the summer exams, Ofqual (the body that oversees the examination process) asked schools to provide information to the exam boards on how we felt you would perform in the final examinations. This is referred to as a **Centre Assessed Grade (CAG)**.

The Department for Education and Ofqual decided to move away from Centre Assessed Grades to a system of statistical moderation based upon a school's previous results and an individual's prior attainment.

It became apparent that this system had a number of flaws and a great injustice was being done to many hard-working students across the country. On Monday 17th August, the Secretary of State for Education, [Gavin Williamson MP announced](#) that the government would now recognise the highest of the Centre Assessed Grade or the calculated grade issued by an exam board, for GCSEs and A Levels. This was also confirmed for Cambridge National and Technical qualifications yesterday evening, and it is highly likely this will also be the case for BTEC and other vocational qualifications.

Today you are receiving your results together with a copy of your Centre Assessed Grades. You will find these in a separate envelope.

You have the option to sit any of the exams you were entered for in November or next summer. If you would like to be entered for some or all of your exams, please complete the form available via this [Exam Request Form](#) providing the subjects you would like to sit and when. The form is also available on the academy website. Any request must be submitted 3pm on Friday 28 August.

There are two grounds upon which you can appeal one or more of your results; The first of these is if you think there has been an error in the way in which your Centre Assessed Grade(s) were submitted to exam boards. The second reason is if you believe the exam board used the wrong data when calculating your grades or have incorrectly communicated the grades calculated. This would need to be supported by clear evidence that an error has been made.

Finally, with all the uncertainty the last 5 months has brought, I want you to know that I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of you and of your achievements.

Best regards,

Martin Blacoe

Principal