



Goldwyn School

20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear students, parents & carers

Re: Examinations Results Summer 2020

I know you will have been as incredulous as we have been over the last few months whilst watching, listening to and reading the vast amount of information about how the courses you have taken this year are to be graded. The last week has witnessed a number of changes by OFQUAL and the DFE which have made the whole process rather confusing.

This period of time has been very difficult for all our students, but particularly for all of you who were expecting to sit exams this summer. I am hoping that this final decision by OFQUAL, to award you with the grades your teachers submitted will be a relief; thank goodness they have accepted your personal grades identified by our professionals and not created by a computer algorithm.

I want to assure you that as soon as we knew, in March / April that our teachers were to submit grades, we put in place a robust process for making sure these were as accurate as possible (given the circumstances that you would not actually be sitting the examinations). Our teachers know you, your ability in their subject and how hard you have worked since the beginning of your Key Stage 4 courses. They have a wealth of experience in teaching the courses that you have undertaken and have been assessing you as you progress through the course. We asked them to review all this information and evidence and make a decision on what grade they thought you would achieve this year had you been in school after March 20<sup>th</sup> and been able to sit the exams in May / June. They moderated these judgements with their colleagues where departments were larger than one teacher and all moderated your grades with the Head of Teaching and Learning and Head of Centre in your centre (Ashford, Folkestone or Plus). A final discussion was then undertaken with the Goldwyn Vice Principal in charge of Teaching & Learning before your grades were "signed off" by your Head of Centre and submitted to the examination boards.

This year we will be emailing results to student's KLZ email addresses. We will also post your results, which will hopefully get to you in a day or two. Please note that some subjects' results have not yet been made available by the examination boards; these are mainly BTECS and Functional Skills and we will send them to you as soon as we receive them.

If you have any difficulties obtaining your results please email your Centre Manager/Head of Centre.

I have enclosed a guide produced by OFQUAL for you entitled, "What to do if you have concerns or questions about your grades: student guide to appeals and malpractice or maladministration complaints". This is the latest information we have from OFQUAL and is already out of date in terms of talking about the algorithm and rank order; however, it will give you an idea what to do if you are unhappy with your grade(s); this may of course change over the course of the next week and if it does we will inform you.



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It is still the case that you can retake an exam or exams during the autumn if you wish to; you will need to discuss this with your Head of Centre.

In September, if you experience difficulty in terms of moving on to your destination, please let your Head of Centre know and we will do everything we can to help you.

Finally and most importantly, I would like to congratulate you all on your achievements this year. I am delighted to see such superb results after what was an unprecedented and somewhat stressful year for you all.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte Lewis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Kind regards" text.

Charlotte Lewis