



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

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YEAR 13 EXAMINATION RESULTS 2020

Dear Year 13

We are pleased to inform you that as a result of a review by the government and exam regulator Ofqual, you will receive updated grades for your examination subjects. This will be your Centre Assessment Grades or the Calculated Grade if higher.

In accordance with the published statutory Ofqual regulations, a Centre Assessment Grade (CAG) was submitted for every student for each examination entry for summer 2020. The regulations were sent to you and your family and were essentially in two stages briefly summarised below. You can read the full detail and guidance of this process on the government website: [Awarding Examinations Summer 2020](#).

- **Stage 1:** Schools were asked to use evidence from a range of sources, for example, assessments and mock examinations to estimate the grades students would have got had the examinations taken place. Your teachers spent a lot of time meticulously following the process, wanting to ensure you were given the grades that you deserved. These resulting Centre Assessment Grades, and student ranking were submitted to the examination boards.
- **Stage 2:** Using a statistical model produced by Ofqual, the examination boards had to moderate and standardise the CAGs. The purpose of this was to prevent schools from being overly generous with their assessment and by ensuring that results were broadly in line with previous years at each school and across the country. Using this statistical model meant that some grades would stay the same or would be moderated up or down

Issues of significant anomalies came to light on A level results day, where a disproportionate number of students results were downgraded calling into question the model and the algorithm used to calculate the centre assessment grades and ranking. On Monday 17 August, the government and Ofqual acknowledged the flawed model, apologised to all the young people affected and gave the assurance that all Year 13 students would be awarded their Centre Assessment Grades or the Calculated Grade whichever was the highest of the two.

In our letter to you of 23 July we set out the examinations and appeals process. As a reminder the criteria for appeals is set out below:

- A student will be able to ask the centre (school) to conduct a clerical check to see if the centre made an error when submitting a Centre Assessed Grade.
- A student will be able to complain to the school if they have evidence of bias or that they were discriminated against.

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- A centre to appeal to an exam board on the grounds that the exam board used the wrong data when calculating grades, and/or incorrectly communicated the grades calculated.

You can find further information on our website [Exam Results Day 2020](#) or the dfE website which outlines the appeal arrangements as set out by [Ofqual](#). You can also visit the school website for the [appeals policy](#)

We know that the past few months have been difficult and stressful, and in all of this, you have managed to keep focused and work hard to pursue what you were aiming for as the next stage of your educational journey.

We were really delighted that you were all successful in securing your Post 18 goals, whether it be getting the place on your chosen course at university, or securing a job opportunity. We praise you for your diligence and your commitment now and that you continue to be so in the future.

At the right time we will celebrate together, until then, wishing you all the very best for the future and for the start of the next stage of life's journey.

Blessings



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