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Dear Parent/Carer,

RESULTS DAY 2021

I am writing to provide details of our arrangements for the collection of grades on the national results day, **Thursday 12th August 2021**.

This year's grades:

As you will be aware, this year's arrangements are very different from those in place in a normal school year. Following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the UK government has decided that the Summer 2021 examination series will not go ahead as planned. Instead, teachers will determine GCSE grades, based upon a range of evidence verified by the academy. Teachers will be assessing students based on a range of evidence that can give an overall picture of their performance. This may take the form of mock exams, classroom tests, classwork and coursework. The exam board will then review these results before awarding the final grades.

As a result, we do not yet know which grades your child will be awarded, and we are not able to release any information relating to this until the results day itself. We hope, of course, that they will get the grades you believe they deserve and that will enable them to take the next steps in their education.

If you would like more information on the process for awarding grades this year, you can visit www.ofqual.gov.uk.

Results day:

Your child will be able to collect their results from the academy on Thursday 12th August. Given the current concerns and social distancing rules, we will be asking all students to make an appointment to collect their results. Using the 'Parents Evening Appointment System' you will be able to make an appointment for your child to collect their results. The appointment slots are 20 minutes long and run between 9:20am and 11:40am. We are allowing 20 students (plus 2 guests) to arrive in each session. We would encourage you to book your time slot in advance to avoid disappointment.

You can access the appointment system using the link below. If you have any problems then please email Miss Thomason, at E.Thomason@tnha.org.uk.

[SchoolCloud - The Nicholas Hamond Academy](#)

Hand sanitiser and queueing systems will be used to ensure that all students, guests and staff are as safe as possible on the day. The results will be shared from the front of the academy/dinner hall. Entry to



academy will be via the main gate where a member of staff will be able to help.

On the day students will be able to collect their results envelope. On site there will be key staff members to support students and offer guidance. Staff will be able to give them more information about the arrangements we have in place to help your child with their next steps, as well as information about what to do if they are unhappy with the grades they receive.

Although everyone will be working hard to make sure you are issued with the correct grades on results day, there will also be an appeals system as a safety net to fix any genuine errors that were not identified earlier on. If you believe an error has been made in determining your grade, you will have a right to appeal. There are two stages to the appeals process: 1) centre appeal- you should first get in touch with us at the academy to enquire about the process by which your child's grade was awarded, we will be able to provide you with the sources evidence used to award the grade as well as the grades submitted, 2) if you are still unhappy with the grade awarded you can make an appeal to the exam board. Full details about how the appeals process works, along with the deadlines are enclosed with this letter.

If your child is unable to join us on the day we will be sending results home, by first class post, that afternoon. We are also able to email results directly to students. If you need results sending this way we ask that your child contacts the exams officer, Mr Youds, via email: Exams@tnha.org.uk in advance of the day.

Please note, due to data protection rules we are only allowed to give GCSE results to the student named on the certificate. If a family member/friend is collecting the results on their behalf, we will need a signed letter or email, from the student, giving that person permission. Please direct these letters/emails directly to the exams officer as above.

Whatever the outcome, staff will be available to help and support your child with planning their next steps on results day and we look forward to seeing you and them then.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Thomason'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Miss E Thomason.