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Good afternoon,

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank students and parents for their cooperation, patience and forbearance over the last 6 months following the government's announcement that students will not take formal GCSE or A-Level examinations this year and will instead be awarded grades determined by their teachers' judgements, based on a range of evidence.

In addition, the government also decided to re-designate the results days for both Level 2 and Level 3 students, therefore results for both A-level and GCSE candidates will be issued in the week commencing Monday 9th August. Please find below a reminder of these key dates and information regarding this year's appeals process.

All information and links can also be accessed via the examination information page of the school website <https://www.nsg.northants.sch.uk/students/exams-and-intervention-information>

Results Day

The results days for summer 2021 have been re-designated, please ensure that you have the correct date.

A-Level Results Day is Tuesday 10th August 2021.

- A-Level results will be available for collection in person from the Clare Restaurant, via main reception from **8.30am** on Tuesday 10th August. In addition, results will be provided electronically to students via Edulink One and their school email account. These will be released from **8.30am**.
- Senior staff, including the Director of Sixth Form, will be available in school between 8.30am and 1:00pm to support students and provide guidance around next steps and future plans

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 12th August 2021.

- GCSE results will be available for collection in person from the Clare Restaurant, via main reception from **8.30am** on Thursday 12th August. In addition, results will be provided electronically to students via Edulink One and their school email account. These will be released from **8.30am**.
- Provisional Sixth Form offer information will also be provided, both physically in school and electronically for all Northampton School for Girls Post-16 applicants at this time
- Senior staff, including the Director of Sixth Form, will be available in school between 8.30am and 1:00pm to support students and provide guidance around next steps and future plans

Appeals

In early June the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) finally published the process for students wishing to appeal their results this summer. A copy of the JCQ document can be found below:

https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/JCQ_Appeals-Guidance_Summer-2021.pdf

It is important to note that all appeals must be made by the student through the school. Appeals cannot be made directly to the exam board by an individual. In addition, an appeal will only be successful if either an error is found or

the grade awarded or the selection of evidence are found to be an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement.

Schools are required to also ensure students are made aware that any appeal can result in a grading going down as well as a grade going up. This grade will be final.

A copy of the NSG appeal procedure and paperwork can be found below and on the school website, as can the Centre Policy.

<https://www.nsg.northants.sch.uk/site/data/files/school%20policies/DE9354486439158D6E869065B3EB964C.pdf>

A student who believes a grade to be incorrect will need to complete the NSG appeals paperwork found below and on the school website. A centre review, an internal review by NSG, checking for any errors must be completed first. If a student still believes a grade to be incorrect they can then request that the school submit an exam board review.

<https://www.nsg.northants.sch.uk/site/data/files/school/317019AA8AD14EBADEF8C4650A1B67A.pdf>

Additional advice and guidance has been provided by the DfE and can be accessed below:

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/06/09/exam-appeals-what-can-i-do-if-i-think-my-grade-is-wrong-how-do-i-appeal-what-will-happen-if-i-appeal-your-questions-answered/>

If you have any questions about the appeals process or the information above, please continue to use the examinations2021@nsg.northants.sch.uk dedicated email address and one of the Senior Leadership Team will respond to you.

As always, we will all continue to do everything that we can to ensure that our students are well served and supported. We look forward to seeing our Year 13 and Year 11 students next week.

Yours sincerely,

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