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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you further to the letter you received yesterday, with additional information regarding the arrangements on Thursday 20th August for providing our Year 11 pupils with this year's GCSE results.

The latest information from examination boards, Ofqual and the Government and is that pupils will be awarded the higher of the Centre Assessed Grade (CAG) and the examination board's calculated grade. This information has for the most part been released in the download to schools today. At the time of writing, there is still no indication of when we will receive BTEC grades and the Cambridge Nationals in PE and iMedia will not arrive until Tuesday 25th August. In the case of the Cambridge National qualifications, we are permitted to release the CAG in the meantime.

As you already know, this year's Year 11 pupils will not be collecting results in person. Pupils' results will be emailed to them at 8.00 am on Thursday 20th August, therefore pupils should ensure that they are able to access their school email address (please contact Mr Adamson if you are experiencing technical difficulties). Although the process will be remote, we will ensure that support is available to our pupils. In outline, this support will comprise the following elements:

- Mrs D'Arcy, MR Abberley and Mrs Melling will reach out directly via telephone, where possible, or by email to pupils we know may be vulnerable at this time. Their role will be to check that the vulnerable pupils have been able to access their results and they will offer support and guidance for their next steps.
- Please contact Mrs Cooper if you have concerns about the onward journey to college, training or employment. (01772 746121 or aco@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk)
- Please contact Mr Horrocks, Mrs Cooper or Mrs Wallbanks if you wish to seek clarification on the process which was undertaken to calculate the CAGs (01772 726141 or cho@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk, aco@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk, cwa@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk)

Any requests for further support or information must come from Year 11 pupils themselves in the first instance due to GDPR regulations, NOT their parents. Pupils can then of course, verbally or in writing, give permission for their parent or carer to speak/write on their behalf. Pupils must note that further support and information can ONLY be accessed via the contacts listed above. Pupils must not contact their teachers, Heads of Departments or Year Manager directly to discuss Centre Assessed Grades.

We, like so many of you, share the disappointment that due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to hold our results day on site this year. However, we remain committed to supporting our families and young people to the best of our ability. Due to the restrictions, please do not attend the site on Thursday if you wish to speak to somebody. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you require support, but follow the course of action laid out above.

Recent media coverage of the processes used to calculate the exam results for 2020 has, I am sure, left you confused and uncertain at times. What I am able to confirm to you is that All Hallows employed a rigorous and detailed analysis of each pupil in each subject to calculate our Centre Assessed grades. We are confident that the grades which our pupils will receive tomorrow are accurately reflective of their ability, past performance and commitment to learning.

I hope this letter provides some useful clarification. We are working in extremely uncertain times and circumstances can change rapidly. As we have learned over the last few months, last minute announcements are quite common. Everything I am sharing today is based upon what we currently know. Should arrangements need to change, I will update you accordingly.

I wish all of our Year 11 pupils the best of luck for tomorrow when they receive their results.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Horrocks
Headteacher