THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL A Church of England Academy

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Dear students, parents and carers,

As an extraordinary term comes to a close, I am writing with information about how exam outcomes will be conveyed to students this August. This year it will be very different to previous years and will be very functional in nature, due to current circumstances; however, we are very committed to ensuring that students have all the support that they need.

## Practical arrangements for dissemination of results

A Level results will be available to students on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August**. Due to the on-going health crisis, we will be e-mailing all students their results in order that they do not have to come into school should they prefer not to. **Results will be sent to students' school e-mail accounts** and it is therefore very important that they check that they can access their school e-mails at home from the device that they intend to use, and let Mr Dusterhoft know before the end of term if they have any difficulties.

Due to data protection, results will be issued to students and will not be e-mailed to parents / carers. **Results will be issued via e-mail by 9am.** 

Whilst we understand that some students may prefer not to come into school, we will be open to offer face to face support for students. Please note that there will not be any physical print outs of results for collection. Support will be available from 9am-11am in the 6<sup>th</sup> form common room, and we would ask that any students coming into school observe the one-way system that will be operating, as well as sticking to social distancing guidelines. We would ask that parents wait in their cars initially - we really have no wish at all to appear unfriendly, but we have a duty to make sure that we keep everyone as safe as possible by minimising the number of people in the available space.

Subject teachers will not be in school on 13<sup>th</sup> August as we will not need subject-specific input in managing any queries about results, which will be dealt with centrally; we are also trying to minimise the number of people in school before we return fully in September. Whilst subject teachers are extremely disappointed not to have the opportunity to celebrate results with students in August, it is hoped that they will have the chance to see students again once we have the opportunity to socialise more widely.

## Support available in school

Support regarding university applications, apprenticeships and other further or higher education will be available in school from the sixth-form team. Students should only come into school if they need support with university applications etc; queries about results will be managed remotely by telephone and e-mail in order that we can better manage the number of people in school.



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## Queries about exam results

We are very much hoping that all students will be delighted with their results; however, there may inevitably be a few disappointments. The review and appeals process is going to be very limited this year, as students have not actually taken exams and **enquiries about results should be e-mailed to the following e-mail address**: <a href="mailto:exams@piggottschool.org">exams@piggottschool.org</a> We will start to pick up any queries during the afternoon of 13<sup>th</sup> August and during 14<sup>th</sup> August after we have supported students in the resolution of any issues. Some results queries may be time-sensitive due to university applications, so these queries will be prioritised in the first instance.

## Autumn examination series

Students are reminded that there will be an autumn exams series available for anyone who is disappointed with their grades this summer. We really are hoping that students will be happy with their outcomes in the summer and that these will enable them to progress to their chosen pathways, but will obviously support students should they make the decision to take any exams in the autumn. We are awaiting guidance from Ofqual, but if these exams carry an additional cost for schools, the cost of entries will be passed on to students, as we would usually do with exam re-takes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and understanding and to wish you all a lovely and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely

Mr TRS Griffith Deputy Headteacher



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