

# Formby High School

'Determined to Achieve'

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Dear Student

I am sure you will by now have seen the very welcome news from Ofqual and the government that centre assessed grades are to be used for A Level grades. This U-turn affects over 140 of our 300 A Level grades issued to students and some results will improve by two grades. If students' calculated grades were higher than the centre assessed grade, their calculated grade will stand. It is only right and fair that these decisions have been taken and I am really pleased for those of you who will now receive results that reflect your endeavour and commitment over the last two years.

Inevitably, this will have implications for the awarding of university places. Although at this stage no information has been released to guide students whose higher education plans will be affected by improved grades, the government has announced that they will remove controls on student numbers. UCAS will likely provide information shortly and universities may very well make contact directly with students. Mrs Blanchard and I will be available throughout tomorrow to answer any questions you may have and provide support as required. In addition, Mr O'Shaughnessy will be contactable by email. If you wish to speak with or email one of us we can be contacted using the details contained in the table below.

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Over the next few days, I am sure that further information will be provided regarding the release of revised results and we will ensure you receive your amended results sheets as soon as possible.

Some students may still be disappointed with the grades they are awarded. Being disappointed with centre assessed grades does not in itself constitute grounds for appeal to the examination board. The centre assessed grades were arrived at using a thorough and rigorous process, working within the parameters set out by Ofqual and the examination boards, and drawing on a broad range of evidence, including PPE results, marks in non-examination assessments (such as coursework), in class assessment and attitude to learning indicators. Teachers and Subject Leaders carefully considered the assessment of each student and all centre assessed grades were subject to detailed quality assurance by members of the Senior Leadership Team.



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For those students who have submitted requests for appeals on the basis of their Pre-Public Examination results, we will no longer be able to pursue these appeals as the grades have been raised to those determined by the school. Students who believe, however, that they still have strong grounds for appeal should consider submitting an Internal Appeal Form but should first speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Mr O'Shaughnessy. If students do not have good grounds for appeal but wish to improve their grades they are able to enter for the Autumn examination series. We are also willing to consider requests to repeat Year 13 where this may be the best course of action.

I trust this letter is helpful in providing some more welcome news. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D A Mackenzie'.

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**Headteacher**