

Formby High School

'Determined to Achieve'

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Dear Student

You will by now have received your results and I really hope you are satisfied with the grades you have been awarded. Overall, I am pleased with the results students at Formby High School have been awarded and feel they generally reflect all the hard work that has been put into the last two years. I sincerely hope that your grades will allow you to progress onto the post-18 pathway of your choice. If that is not the case and/or if you would like to discuss your options with a member of staff we are here to help. During today a member of the Sixth Form Team or the Senior Leadership Team will contact you to confirm your intended destination and offer any support if required. If you would like to speak with someone in school as a matter of priority, please do so using the contact details set out in the table below. If a face-to-face meeting is preferable, this can be arranged.

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Alternatively, you may wish to speak to Mrs Hiller (Examinations & Data Manager). If so, she can be contacted by email at exams.database@formbyhighschool.com and she will be happy to telephone you if requested.

Government Announcements

Late on Tuesday evening the Government announced that it intends to implement a 'triple lock' to provide students with added security with their grades. Whilst we are waiting for



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further information about what this will look like in practice, I felt it was important to share with you the information we have about this latest proposal. The following is taken from a statement published on the Government's website on Wednesday 12 August.

A new 'triple lock' process will give young people added security as they receive their grades this year, the Education Secretary has announced. Students could accept their calculated grade, appeal to receive a valid mock result, or sit autumn exams to ensure the achievements of young people are recognised. Ofqual has been asked to determine how and when valid mock results can be used to calculate grades. All outcomes will hold the same value for universities, colleges and employers, building on the significant number of students who will still progress as a result of their calculated grades. Similar arrangements will apply to vocational and technical qualifications...

...Students who would like to use a valid mock result will be able to do so through the appeals process, with individuals notifying their school or college who will provide evidence of their mock results to their exam board.

Ofqual has provided a response to the Government's announcement regarding the use of mock examination results as the basis of appeal, stating: *'We are working urgently to operationalise this as fairly as possible and to determine what standards of evidence will be required for the appeal. We will provide more detail early next week.'*

UCAS Information

By now you will have received notification from UCAS of the status of your application. There is a wealth of information available on the UCAS website that can be accessed at the links below. Please take the time to read it as it sets out clearly the steps you should take, particularly if you wish to enter Clearing or are considering Adjustment.

- [Preparing for Results Day](#)
- [UCAS Clearing Service](#)
- [UCAS Adjustment Service](#)

If you have a query related to any aspect of the university application process, please do speak with a member of staff.

Centre Assessed Grades and Pre-Public (or 'Mock') Examination Results

To assist students in determining whether they wish to request an appeal to the examination board against a result they have received, the Centre Assessed Grades that were submitted to the examination boards by the school and results from the Autumn and Spring Year 13 Pre-Public Examinations have also been uploaded along with your actual results. Centre Assessed Grades and Pre-Public Examination results will only be provided where they exist. For example, if a student was absent for Pre-Public Examinations he/she will not have a result and for some vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs) Centre Assessed Grades were not submitted. Whilst we are not yet certain how the 'triple lock' appeal process will work, we wish to provide students with as much information as possible at this stage to enable them to make informed decisions.

Appeals

The appeal process is different this year to previous years. Dissatisfaction with Calculated Grades issued by examination boards does not in itself constitute grounds for appeal, unless there is evidence that there has been a technical error made by the examination centre (school) or the examination board or bias or



discrimination may have happened. In accordance with Ofqual guidance, only a centre may appeal to the examination board if it believes (i) the centre itself made an error when submitting Centre Assessment Grade or rank order information or (ii) the examination board made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a Calculated Grade. In addition, in accordance with the Government's very recent announcement outlined above, receiving calculated grades that are inconsistent with performance in 'mock' examinations may constitute grounds for appeal. If you have a concern regarding the above, or if you believe bias or discrimination may have occurred in the generation of your grades, you should discuss this with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. I would encourage you to read this recently released [Ofqual publication](#) which sets out more detailed information about appeals. You should also take note of the process for requesting an appeal that can be found in the post-results service procedures on the school website.

Autumn Examination Series

Examination boards will run a full examination series in Autumn 2020. Examinations in the Autumn series will be the same format as the Summer 2020 examinations would have been had they not been cancelled. The Autumn series results, however, will be based on students' examination performance alone, with no non-examination assessment (NEA) taken into account with the exception of A Level Art. These examinations will take place between Monday 5 October and Friday 23 October. If students choose to sit examinations in one or more subjects and improve upon their grade(s) they can request that the examination board reissues the examination certificate to reflect the improved grade.

I would urge you to consider carefully the merits of sitting the examinations, particularly if you have achieved the grades needed to get you to the next stage of your education or training. To perform well, you will need to revise content studied in Years 12 and 13 and will only have limited time to prepare well. If you are considering taking examinations during the Autumn, please speak with an appropriate member of staff beforehand.

In order to register for examinations in one or more subjects you must download the relevant form from the [2020 Examination Results](#) area of the website. The form must be submitted to the Examinations and Data Office (either by email at exams.database@formbyhighschool.com or in hard copy). The deadline for requesting entry is 3 September 2020. Students will not be charged fees to enter examinations during the Autumn series unless late entry fees apply or they do not attend the examinations for which they have been entered.

I trust this information is helpful and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask. I would like to offer you my very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely

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

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