

Principal: Emma Robins



15 July 2020

Dear parent / carer,

The past 4 months have been totally unprecedented for all of us. We could not have imagined that we would be finishing the school year following a period of partial school closure, and everything that has been associated with COVID 19. For our Y11 students, it has meant a complete change to everything that they had been expecting at the end of their time at Graham School. They have missed out on so many things, not least of which the chance to sit their GCSE exams and achieve grades based on their hard work, effort and preparation for those exams.

As you will be aware, when the GCSE exams were cancelled, schools were asked to provide a 'Centre Assessed Grade' for each student for each of their GCSE subjects. To do this we undertook a rigorous process and using our knowledge of the students and a range of evidence, we were able to assess these grades with a high degree of accuracy. The grades which we submitted were agreed following an internal quality assurance process and were not the sole responsibility of any individual teacher. These grades have then been standardised by Ofqual and the exam boards using a statistical model. This means that the grades we submitted could be changed by the exam boards. Centre Assessed Grades will not be available on Results Day, however if a student wishes to see them they will need to send an email after 20 August to complete a formal request. Full details will be issued with their results.

The GCSE results will be released on Thursday 20 August and we are inviting all students in to school to collect their results between 10.00am and 12.30pm. Results will be issued in the Table Tennis Centre. In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines, and to ensure everyone's health and safety only students will be able to enter the Table Tennis Centre. Parents and carers are asked to remain in the car park. Times have been allocated by form groups; it is important that students attend at their allocated time. Students are invited to attend at the times below:

11A and 11B	10.00 – 10.30
11C and 11D	10.30 – 11.00
11E and 11F	11.00 – 11.30
11G and 11H	11.30 – 12.00
11I and AP	12.00 – 12.30

Each student will receive their results in an envelope with information about next steps. There will be representatives from local FE providers (Scarborough Sixth Form, Scarborough TEC, UTC, Skills Village, Hair and Beauty Academy) present to offer guidance, as well as our Careers Adviser, Mrs Green. Form tutors, Mr Hutchinson and members of senior staff and other teachers will also be available to offer support.

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Any student who is not satisfied with the grade that has been awarded to them will be able to actually sit a GCSE exam in that subject in November. Students will receive information about those exams and how to enter for them with their GCSE results. Results for students who do not attend on Results Day will be posted to their home address.

We understand that this has been a strange time for our Y11 students and that they have missed out on things enjoyed by previous students. We hope that the opportunity to collect their results in the 'traditional' way will somehow make up for missing the normal end to Y11.

I hope that you will be able to enjoy the summer break and we very much look forward to seeing all Y11 students on 20 August.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Robins'.

**Emma Robins**

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