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Dear Year 13 Student,

I really hope that you have all stayed well and have been finding ways to keep yourself busy over these past few weeks. It is true to say that you have rarely been far from our thoughts and we continue to look forward to the point when we can join with you all, to properly celebrate the end of your Sixth Form and your achievements.

For now, I can share the arrangements for Results Day on Thursday 13 August 2020. As you know, school teacher assessments have already been submitted, but both you and staff are waiting to see the 'calculated grades' awarded by the Exam Boards.

So, on Results Day, at 9 am, your exam results will be emailed both to your school email account and to the personal email account we currently hold on record for you. If you have changed your personal email address, please send the new one through to Mrs Whelan as soon as possible. A hard copy of those exam results will also be available to be collected by individual students between 9.30 am and 2pm, from the main hall in school. Key staff will also be there, available for one-to-one personal discussions. However, all arrangements will be in accordance with the necessary social distancing measures and so both Mrs Whelan and myself will also pick up emails, where a personal contact arrangement is desired or preferred, and we will follow up accordingly. Please note that no third party collections will be allowed and only Year 13 students will be allowed on site.

I can also confirm that the option for a student who feels that the Exam Board 'calculated grade' does not reflect their ability, is to take that exam in a special Autumn exam series, at some point in October. Our Examinations Officer, Mrs Freeland, will provide further information, if required, when it is released by the Exam Boards.

I am so aware that the degree of uncertainty and concern facing all Y13 students is the greatest of any year group. Making decisions about your future plans has been more difficult than ever before. However, the most reliable decisions will usually be made using high quality, up-to-date information from reliable sources, which are then applied to your individual circumstances and aspirations. The suggested strategy, which is widely supported by virtually all in the wider Post-18 Guidance Community, is at the moment, to avoid any rash decisions. Universities will have been keeping closely in touch with you and Employers are continually reviewing their potential 'offer' to young people. So, use the Summer to gather information and then review options after your results are known. Please also feel that you can contact Nikki.Corben@Prospects.co.uk or Ian.Doherty@Prospects.co.uk

To bring some key sources together, I am also attaching an information sheet, with contacts and links. However, we have already offered numerous on-line guidance and information sessions: the video links remain in Teams, so do continue to access those. In the meantime, please remember that you are a critically important individual, to all of us. So, we continue to be here for you, please don't hesitate to contact myself, Mrs Whelan or Mrs Murphy.

All good wishes, and we hope to see you before too long.

Kind regards,

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Mrs Mann Head of Sixth Form