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Dear Students and Parents,

We hope you and your families are well. As Results Day 2020 is almost upon us, this email will hopefully provide a useful reminder of key information and arrangements for the day.

We genuinely hope that the grades you receive on Thursday will enable you to achieve your preferred next steps. If this is not the case however, all is not lost and you do have options. Our main priority is to be on hand to offer support and guidance to those in need to ensure they secure the right option for them in line with their ambitions.

Please find attached the slightly amended Year 11 Results Day letters sent out to you at the end of Term 6 which detail arrangements for results collection and support available.

As you will have heard no doubt, the Government has announced their move to award all students their centre assessed grades for GCSE qualifications (or keep their exam board calculated 'result' if this was higher). We also want to personally assure you that our Centre Assessed Grade process was rigorous and evidence based and the grades we submitted were those that most accurately reflected your individual subject performances. In line with national and White Horse Federation guidelines, Centre Assessed Grades were discussed and considered in video meetings between classroom teachers, Heads of Department and Senior Leaders, using as much evidence as possible for each student. The grades were then subject to a review meeting between the Heads of Department, Senior Leaders and the Principal. The Executive Secondary Director of The White Horse Federation was then part of a panel with Senior Leaders of each school to review the process and the Centre Assessed Grades to ensure that decisions made were fair and evidence based.

If you still believe after this detailed and thorough process that your Centre Assessed Grade is not correct, please submit your specific concerns via email to [exams@devizes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:exams@devizes.wilts.sch.uk) This must be submitted by the student using their school email address by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

OCR Cambridge Nationals in Sport, Health and Social Care and IT have not yet been published. These results are due to be released on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and G4S will be updated to reflect this accordingly. If these subject results effect your enrolment for post 16 courses please contact school via [exams@devizes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:exams@devizes.wilts.sch.uk) so we can support you as needed.

## What should I do if I'd like to retake an exam in the autumn?

If you are considering retaking exams, please think carefully about what you hope to achieve by doing so. The main consideration should be whether retaking exams in one or more qualification may give you a better chance of achieving your future goals – be they educational or career-related. It is also worth thinking about how much time you will be able to dedicate to retake preparations whilst managing your other courses or commitments. We will, of course, look at how we can support you, should you wish to retake.

Please feel free to email via [Exams@devizes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Exams@devizes.wilts.sch.uk) to arrange a discussion before submitting a retake request.

Any requests for retakes must be made by emailing [Exams@devizes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Exams@devizes.wilts.sch.uk)

**The deadline for us to receive retake requests is noon on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – this is to allow school time to review and process requests before meeting the exam board deadline of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

We wish you all the very best for Thursday's Results and your next adventure. Regardless of the outcomes, we honestly couldn't be prouder of you all and here's hoping we can all celebrate in person at some point in the future.

The KS4 pastoral and exam team will be available from 8-12pm if you have a general results query, if so please email at [PASTORAL-KS4@devizes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:PASTORAL-KS4@devizes.wilts.sch.uk) and we will arrange to call you to discuss your query further.

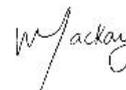
Yours sincerely,



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