

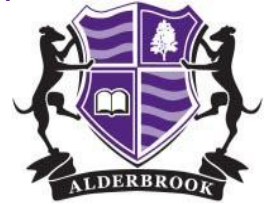
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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As I write to you on Sunday evening the appeals process for A Level results remains up in the air following the removal of Ofqual guidance late last night. I am incredibly sorry for the distress and anguish that this whole process is putting many of you under, and while I cannot promise to have all the answers I am determined that we fight on your behalf against the injustices that the system of standardising results has brought about. I am outraged that 80% of our students have had at least one grade downgraded from centre assessed grades that we submitted to the exam boards, with some students having all 3 downgraded, and I am acutely aware that some students have lost out on university places because of this.

Until the removal of the Ofqual guidance late last night, we have been working hard to prepare for mock appeals, and are ready to act as soon as more information is published. As and when more information is published, and I hope this will be on Monday, I will again write to you with details of how we are going to act on this. You can be assured that if mock results are able to be used, we will work with subject teachers and curriculum leaders to ensure the correct grades are submitted. We are analysing all data carefully in light of announcements and will appeal anything we can to benefit students.

In the meantime, please can I remind you all that there is a significant amount of information on the school website here: <https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/examinations/>, including information on how Centre-Assessed Grades were reached. This is also where you will find information about the Autumn exam series and how to apply if students want to sit one or more of their subjects; we will contact students and their parents if you wish to do this.

I completely understand that students and parents will need to contact us directly in the coming days, as you have been doing since results were released. Student emails at this stage may not be responded to in detail whilst we manage the announcements and possible appeals. Please can I ask that you read the information on our website before emailing us directly, as it may answer your questions. In some cases, at least based on current guidance, our hands are tied in terms of what we can do for individuals but we will always do what we can.

The University clearing process remains open until 7th September – there are still good courses available and if you need any further support with this please don't hesitate to get in touch. We will do whatever we can to support you,

With best wishes

Tom Beveridge
Headteacher