



Our ref: MME/HFT
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Dear Year 13 students and parents,

I wanted to contact you all given the unprecedented announcement which was made yesterday regarding the exam results. I am extremely pleased that the Government has changed its position and decided that students' centre assessed grades will become their actual results. This is only right and fair. It also ensures that the results will reflect the hard work our students have put in over these past seven years at Pudsey Grangefield School. This cohort of Year 13s achieved our best ever GCSE results so it was only fair that they go on to achieve our best ever set of A level results.

We will be posting out the official print outs from the exam boards once they are made available but they will match the centre assessed grades which were issued on Thursday. Out of 200 grades there were around 10 where the algorithm was higher the centre assessed grade. In these ten cases the higher of the two grades will stand. If your centre assessed grade was an E and the calculated grade you were given last Thursday was a D, the higher one is your official grade (i.e. the grade D).

We were one of the few schools which chose to invite students in last Thursday but I am so pleased that we did. It was excellent seeing the students (well the top half of their faces if I'm being accurate!) as it allowed us to ensure they got onto their chosen pathway. I am aware of one student who now has grades which would allow him to attend his first choice university. We are working closely with him to secure the place that he deserves at the university of his choice. If anyone else is now in a similar position, the advice is to contact the university you wanted to go to directly (please be patient as they will have several students in similar positions). If you do not receive a satisfactory answer from the university, please email both Mrs Smith (L.Smith01@pudseygrangefield.co.uk) and Ms Fisher (H. Fisher@pudseygrangefield.co.uk) and we will pick it up directly with the university to resolve the matter.

Finally, I wanted to finish on a personal note. I would normally get the opportunity to say this at their leavers' party but unfortunately that wasn't to be this year because of coronavirus. When I started back in September 2014 our current Year 13 students were just starting Year 8. They will have seen some significant improvements in the school in this time. I know that I am speaking for all of the staff when I say it has been a true privilege for us all to see them achieve their potential and leave us for what we are sure will be bright futures. In addition to this, I do hope we have provided them with many fond memories of their time as Pudsey Grangefield students.



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I wish you all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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