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Letter for Y11 parents, carers and pupils

We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday 20th August to collect your GCSE and BTEC results. If you have not received your timeslot by text, please email [enquiries@theoxfordacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@theoxfordacademy.org.uk) By now you will be aware that the Government has announced that pupils in England will receive centre assessed grades for GCSE and A level results this summer. You can read the full government statement regarding this here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gcse-and-a-level-students-to-receive-centre-assessment-grades?fbclid=IwAR0ZYWIPUVfXGI72TqAMnvdGTX1NVcRIA85cEFGgwKVBODVsbMFMVLxs6A>

As of Monday 17th August, the guidance states that *only* the centre assessed grades will be issued on Thursday. These grades reflect the 'reasonable and carefully considered judgement of the most likely grade a pupil would have achieved if they had sat their exams this summer and completed any non-exam assessments', and were submitted to the exam boards in June. The Oxford Academy adopted a robust approach to accurately assess grades for our pupils, in order to ensure consistency across the school and fair, accurate outcomes for our pupils, taking into account a range of evidence.

According to the guidance, the official results will be released to pupils next week. We do not yet know what date this will be. We will issue these grades to you in the post. If any pupil's calculated grades are higher than the centre assessment grade, their calculated grade will stand. This will mean that for a small minority of pupils, their results could be slightly improved next week. We are not in a position to estimate how many pupils this will affect.

The Oxford Academy is also a strong sixth form provider; approximately 75% of our pupils have been awarded grades A\*-C this academic year. We trust our rigorous approach to generate centre assessment grades and these have already been used for entry requirements in September. We are confident that we offer exceptional educational outcomes for pupils and firm pathways to future success.

We look forward to welcoming you back into school on Thursday and for many of you, also in September.

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