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Dear Student,

I am delighted to be able to share your GCSE results with you today. These are a testament to your hard work and perseverance over many years here at The Grange Academy.

I wanted to take the opportunity to explain how your results were determined this year. As you know, this year's GCSE results had to be awarded differently than usual, after exams were unable to go ahead due to Covid-19. We were asked to use our professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement we believed you would have achieved in the exams this year, and to submit these centre-assessed grades (CAGs) to the relevant exam board.

Groups of teachers and leaders in each subject worked together to discuss and agree the centre-assessed grade for each student. They took into account a wide range of available evidence including class work, mock exams, coursework etc.

The intention was that the exam boards would then moderate the CAGs, to check that schools and colleges had approached this task consistently, before providing students with their final calculated grades. Unfortunately, as you will no doubt be aware, the method they used to do this proved problematic, and was likely to lead to many grades being unfairly downgraded.

The government therefore made the decision that GCSE and A level students would be awarded whichever was higher for each subject – their CAG or their calculated grade. This is what the grades you are receiving today are based on.

If you are disappointed with any of your results, I would encourage you to speak to a senior member of staff. They will be able to discuss your concerns, and advise you on any next steps. You may also want to talk to the Sixth Form or college you plan to go to. They may well be flexible about their entry requirements.

If you want to resit any of your exams, the current plan is for these to take place in November. We do not yet have full details of how this will work, but please let us know if that is something you would like to discuss.

Congratulations again for everything you have achieved and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Best Wishes



Mr Critchley  
Principal