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Dear Students,

We are both fully aware that the last few months have been a very anxious and worrying time for all of you, which undoubtedly has been further compounded by the recent uncertainty that has surrounded the issuing of final exam results.

In June, the Academy supplied Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) for all subjects to the exam boards. Senior leaders along with heads of departments and classroom teachers implemented a robust, transparent and fair system to determine appropriate CAGs for each student. The grades submitted were based on your classwork, internal tests, a broad range of assessments and teacher judgements. This also takes into consideration the prior performance of the Academy, which has consistently been placed in the top 5% of schools nationally. We both believe that the grades that were submitted were an accurate reflection of what you would have achieved in your final GCSE exams.

On Thursday, you will receive your grades from the exam boards. These grades will use a statistical model, devised by the exam regulator OFQUAL, based on the attainment of your year group at Key Stage 2, the prior performance of the Academy and the CAGs that were supplied to exam boards by the Academy. As the CAGs were only one part of the model, it is possible that your grade may differ from the CAGs we supplied. For transparency, we will be supplying the CAGs alongside your exam board grades.

We would like to reassure you that:

- We will use the highest of the Centre Assessed Grade (CAG) or your exam board grade when reviewing your application for courses at our sixth form.
- Where there is grounds for appeal of your exam board grade, we will support and fund this appeal. Please note that guidance for appeals has not yet been finalised and we will act according to the latest guidance when issued.
- We will support you with your application to any other sixth forms/colleges/apprenticeships or employment if your place is withdrawn as a result of your CAGs being lowered by OFQUAL's moderation process.

If you have any concerns or questions about the issuing of your exam grades, please contact us directly via email: head@hattonacademy.org.uk

Yours Sincerely,

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