



Moorside High School

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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 students

I am writing to update you on the next steps in the process of awarding grades this summer.

We are extremely proud of how our Year 11 students have responded in helping us to provide the evidence we need, in order to award the grades that they deserve. We have a few pieces of work that are not quite completed and those students affected will be contacted over the next few days to request that they attend school to complete this evidence.

The evidence for each student has now been collated into subject evidence folders. The marking and grading process has been very robust and rigorous. Most assessments have been blind marked with students only identified by their candidate numbers and marked by a teacher other than their class teacher. This has ensured that any unconscious bias has been mitigated against. All work has been standardised and moderated and a member of the Senior Leadership Team has attended a subject moderation meeting for all subjects. All grading decisions have been checked by at least two teachers to ensure consistency across the cohort. Some work has also been moderated externally by teachers in other Consilium/Salford LA schools.

The evidence folders have then been sampled by the Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Department have explained their grading decisions to their line managers. A final sample will now be checked by Mr Davis and myself before the grades are signed off and submitted to the exam boards on 18th June 2021.

The exam boards will then carry out their external quality assurance process. On 21st June 2021 they will request a sample of student work from 3 different subjects (one likely to be English or maths) for 5 students and we will have 48 hours to upload all of the evidence and rationale behind the grading decisions. The exam boards may then decide to request a further sample of evidence.

I will write to you again with the arrangements for Results Day on 12th August 2021. We are waiting for any government announcements regarding the relaxing of lockdown rules before making decisions about how the day will be organised. I will also provide you with details of the Appeals Processes.

We hope that Year 11 are enjoying the sunshine and having a rest after all the hard work over the last few months. We had a wonderful morning with you all on your last official day in school. It was lovely to celebrate your time at Moorside together.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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