

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Y11 Students,

Firstly, we would like to congratulate you on completing your secondary education at Handsworth Grange Community Sports College. I dearly hope the results you have received today reflect the time you have spent with us and will enable you to progress onto the next stage of your education. We understand how unsettling the last few months have been for you and especially the recent press coverage around the grading of exam results and we are here to help you in any way we can. Please read all the information accompanying your results and do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support. Information and documentation can be found on our website: [www.hgcsc.co.uk](http://www.hgcsc.co.uk).

Even though grades have been awarded differently this year, they will look the same as any other year on the results slips and your certificates. Your result is, in most cases, your Centre Assessment Grade due to recent government changes (in a very small minority of cases your grades may be moderated upwards by Ofqual, you will always receive the highest of the two). We will put an overview of how Centre Assessment Grades have been calculated on the website and also included one in your pack. However, it is important to note that they have gone through an extensive whole school moderation and standardisation process. They are not simply the predictions of your individual teachers. We have also worked with other schools in the Minerva Trust to improve rigour.

At the present moment the process of appealing results is unclear, due to the recent changes. We believe you will be able to appeal in cases of administrative error as well as potential bias and discrimination. We will update our website with details when this process becomes clearer.

If you have any questions after receiving your results, please email [reviewsofmarkingrequest@hgcsc.co.uk](mailto:reviewsofmarkingrequest@hgcsc.co.uk) or phone the school. We have staff available if you wish to speak to someone on results day, Thursday 20 August and Friday 21 August and Monday 24 August from 9am – 3pm. The school phone number is 0114 269 4801. We ask you not to direct enquiries to individual teachers.

On behalf of all Handsworth staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish every one of you the best for the future.

Yours sincerely,



Nick Parker  
Headteacher