

20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear parents/carers,

**Re: Follow-up from results collection**

I wanted to write to you briefly following the collection of results by your son/daughter this morning.

Firstly, may I offer my sincere congratulations to all of them and you for getting through both a torrid year but also the end of formal education. I cannot express strongly enough our dismay and frustration on behalf of our students and their families, at the events over the last few months and especially over the last week or so. I can only sympathise with how distressing this must have been for all involved and we will be making our views very clear to the appropriate bodies and people.

With that said, today remains a day to celebrate and look to the future and I hope that there will be plenty to celebrate within your family as you begin to plan together what the next steps will be for your son or daughter.

With much conflicting information circulating, I also thought that it would be prudent to remind you of some important information and a couple of documents relating to results this year. Regardless of this, if you do have queries then please do not hesitate to contact the school office at [jogoffice@excalibur.org.uk](mailto:jogoffice@excalibur.org.uk).

As we have stated before, the school took a robust and professional approach to the calculation of grades and every student was discussed at an individual level in every subject. Therefore, we submitted our grades in good conscience. However, we do understand that there may be some questions about the results today so I would like to point you to 2 helpful documents:

1. Ofqual have published an updated version of their 'Student Guide' to the summer exams this year. It contains important information about how the final grades were arrived at and the process and grounds for appeals. The document can be found here:  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/910599/6671\\_Student\\_guide\\_to\\_post-16\\_qualifications\\_results\\_-\\_summer\\_2020.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/910599/6671_Student_guide_to_post-16_qualifications_results_-_summer_2020.pdf)
2. The school has its own appeals procedure and you can find this by navigating to the link here:  
[http://upload.reactcdn.co.uk/johnogaunt/uploads/asset\\_file/JOG\\_Student\\_2020\\_Summer\\_Appeals\\_procedure.pdf](http://upload.reactcdn.co.uk/johnogaunt/uploads/asset_file/JOG_Student_2020_Summer_Appeals_procedure.pdf) and this includes the form that you would need to complete if you did wish to make an appeal.

Finally, if your son or daughter followed a Cambridge National (CNATs) course in either Sport or ICT then they would have been given two printed forms in their results envelope today. This is because it was announced late yesterday that results in vocational qualifications, including CNATs would be delayed until next week. Therefore, the grades issued today are those we submitted and the grade that will be sent to your son/daughter next week will not be lower than the one received

I hope that this information makes sense and proves useful to you. In the meantime, I wish you the best for a celebratory afternoon and peaceful remainder of the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hawthorne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'H'.

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**Richard Hawthorne**  
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