

Dear Year 11 Parents, Carers and students,

KS4 RESULTS

On Monday 17 August, the chair of Ofqual (the government's regulatory body for all public examinations) announced that the strategy used to award GCSE grades has been changed. The guidance that all schools received in June was that all GCSE results will be awarded based on two sets of criteria:

- 1) A mathematical algorithm that focuses on how a school/subject performed in the previous three years.
- 2) Centre Assessed Grades, which the school submitted for each student in all of their GCSE and BTEC courses. The criteria used by staff was to combine mock result outcomes with all work completed before the 'lock down' in March.

The A level results that were published on Thursday 13 August clearly showed that the emphasis on awarding grades was much more biased towards the Mathematical Algorithm and this resulted in just under 40% of all grades being one of more grades below the Centre Assessed Grade. This has caused a public outcry and, as a result, the announcement on Monday was that all A level and GCSE grades will only be based on Centre Assessed Grades.

The decision not to use the algorithm will ensure that grades are much more consistent and will be a true reflection of the hard work students made during the five terms that they were studying for their GCSEs.

Students, we would like to offer the opportunity for you to receive your results via email should you wish. These would be sent to you on Thursday morning and to your school email address. A hard copy of your results will be posted out to you also. Please email Mrs Shields (dss@altrinchamcollege.com) marking the title, "GCSE RESULTS ELECTRONICALLY PLEASE" and write a sentence to let us know that you require this service.

Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you on Thursday. Mr Keegan will be available to discuss your Sixth Form entry on the day too.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Brennan, Deputy Headteacher