

Wednesday 18th August 2020

Year 11 Results Day

Dear Year 11 students, parents and carers,

I hope that despite the ongoing media attention concerning Year 11 examination results you are looking forward to tomorrow as much as we are.

Arrangements for tomorrow (Thursday 20th August 2020) stay the same as published on the school website yesterday: [HERE](#)

You will notice on this letter a reference to a **guidance sheet** (staff will refer to this as the **YELLOW SHEET**) detailing the staff to contact and procedures to follow if you have any queries after receiving your results. We thought it would be useful if you had sight of this form today (we will also include a hardcopy in your results pack). We have published this at the very earliest opportunity. Please only use the contact details on the **guidance sheet** and do not contact any other staff via email or use the 'Enquiries Form' on the school website as these accounts will not be monitored.

We would very much like to welcome you into the Tadcaster Grammar School Sixth Form, so please use the contact details to find out more about your application and the fantastic study programmes we have at school.

The weather looks great for tomorrow!

Kind regards,

Mr A. Parkinson
Headteacher

Information for Year 11 Students and Parents

After a very complex year, we are delighted to be able to share your examination results with you. Remember, the school staff are here to help you to progress into September 2020, wherever that may take you.

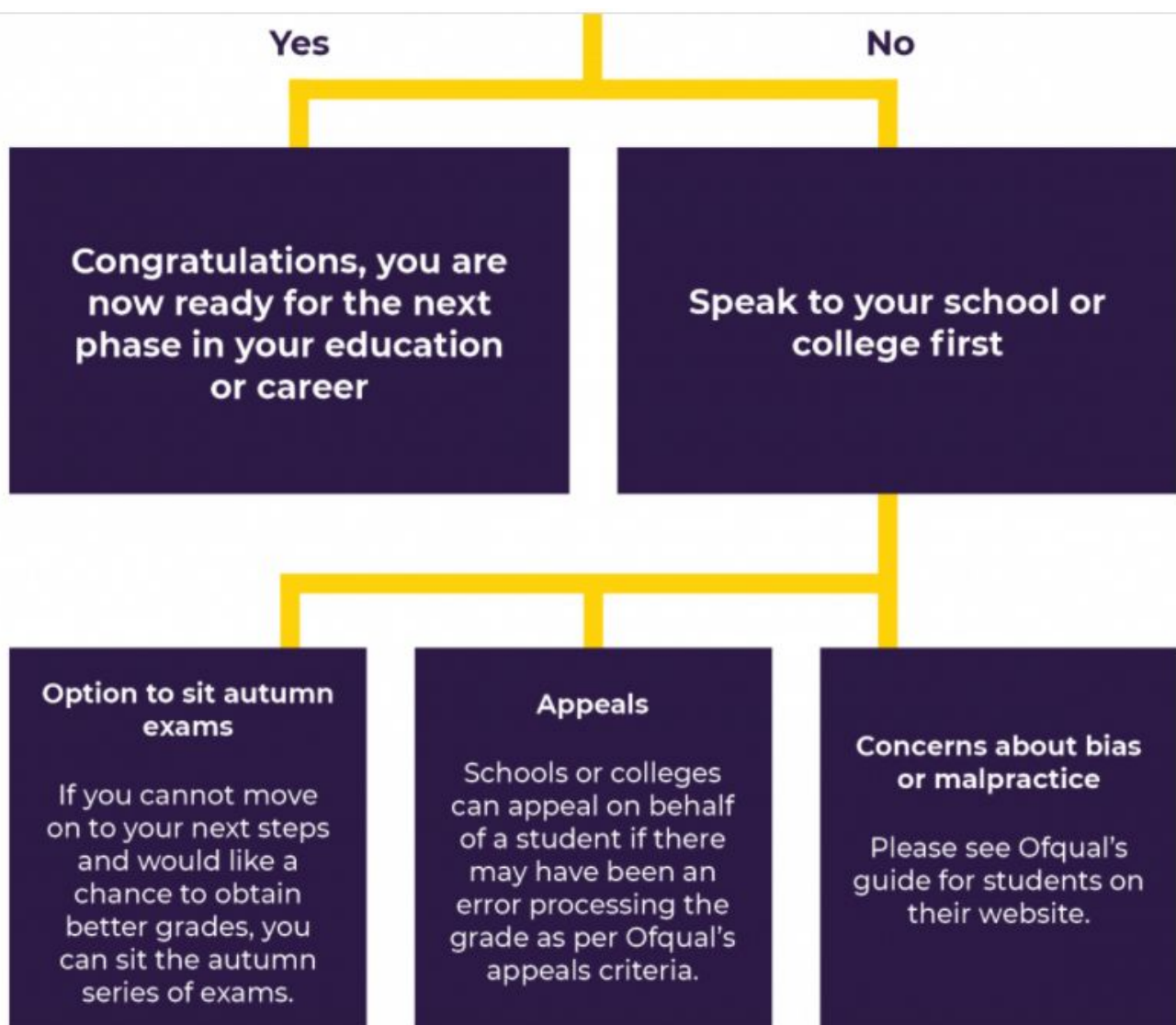
We want to offer you as much support and guidance as possible. You may also wish to take up one of the options detailed in this letter.

It is important that you follow these instructions and only use the named staff contacts and email addresses to ensure we can give all Year 11 the most effective service and advice.

Only use your TGS student email account.

Please do not contact any other TGS staff via email or use the 'Enquiries Form' on the school website as these accounts will not be monitored.

Do Your Results Allow You To Progress On To Your Next Steps?



Support with Post 16 Applications

r.knapton:tgs.starmat.uk Mrs R Knapton - Director of Sixth Form

Students wishing to join Tadcaster Grammar School Sixth Form who HAVE NOT previously applied please complete the application form on the link [here](https://tinyurl.com/TGS-SFA) (<https://tinyurl.com/TGS-SFA>).

Students who wish to make changes to their application, or turn down a previous offer, please use this Google form [CLICK HERE](#) (this form will be available immediately after results have been issued and queries dealt with before the beginning of term). Students who HAVE applied for our sixth form and have been made offers, we look forward to seeing you in September and you are invited to attend our Sixth Form Induction day. Further details will follow.

Request for additional support and guidance (Careers and Further Education)

h.lawson@tgs.starmat.uk Ms H Lawson - Careers Guidance Officer

Try to let us know what you would like advice about and we will direct your email to the most appropriate person in school. The National Careers Service has also set an exam results helpline during August 2020. Young people or their parents can contact the helpline on 0800 100 900 to speak to a professionally qualified careers adviser if they need advice on their next steps. The helpline will be open until Friday 28th August. After these dates, young people will be able to access ongoing support by visiting nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

Requests to sit examinations in the Autumn term

Use the Google Form linked [here](https://tinyurl.com/TGS---RFR) (<https://tinyurl.com/TGS---RFR>). This form will be open from 8am on Monday 24th August 2020 and should be completed by Monday 31st August at the latest.

There is the possibility you may be disappointed with one or more of the grades you have been awarded. To address this, exam boards have been instructed to offer exams in all subjects to take place in the Autumn term. If you wish to take any of your subject exams in the Autumn series, please complete the Google Form linked above. Please note the following about these examinations:

- You may take any GCSE exam for which you were originally entered in Summer 2020.
- The GCSE level exam series takes place between 2nd - 23rd November 2020
- If you choose this option, you are responsible for your own preparation and revision;
- We are waiting for further information about how the government will work with schools to make exams feasible and who will pay.

Request to Appeal

Use the Google Form linked [here](https://tinyurl.com/TGS-RFA) (<https://tinyurl.com/TGS-RFA>). This must be completed by midday on Tuesday 24th August at the latest.

The appeals process this year is substantially different to previous years. As exams were not sat this year, it is clear that you cannot request for a review of marking. Ofqual (the exams regulator) have also stated that:

“disagreeing with Centre Assessed Grades, either as an individual or as a centre cannot form the basis of an appeal”
Students can only appeal if:

- there has been a technical or administrative error by the centre or the board (as a school we will commit to checking for exam board errors when we receive the final grades from the exam boards).
- they have evidence that the Centre Assessed Grades submitted to the exam boards were inaccurate as a result of discrimination or bias (the school governing body is confident that the process we undertook at TGS, which is detailed overleaf, ensured that there was no bias or discrimination).

Further information has been provided by Ofqual [here](https://tinyurl.com/OFQ-GFA) (<https://tinyurl.com/OFQ-GFA>)

All requests must come from the student. Please use your school Google account.

Process for awarding Centre Assessed Grades and Ranks at Tadcaster Grammar School

- All schools were asked to submit a Centre Assessed Grade for all students for each of the subjects they had been entered this Summer. The Centre Assessed Grade is the grade we considered each student would have been most likely to achieve had the exams proceeded as normal. We were also asked to provide a rank order of students, within each grade, for each subject.
- At TGS, each subject team was asked to consider the range of evidence they had available that was consistent across all teaching groups in the subject (including mock scores, test scores, non-exam assessments) and to propose how they intended to use this to aid the grading and ranking process.
- Grades and ranks were not based on one single piece of evidence. They were awarded based on holistic professional judgement, balancing the different sources of evidence. We know from analysis of forecast accuracy in previous years that teachers and subject teams know their students well and are able to assess grades with a high degree of accuracy using all the evidence available to them.
- Each subject decision was agreed by the school's Senior Leadership Team and the overall approach discussed with school governors.
- The grades and ranks awarded were agreed by subject teams and members of the Senior Leadership Team, following an internal quality assurance process, and are not the sole responsibility of any individual teacher.
- We put in place a three stage checking process to ensure the grades and ranks awarded were accurately submitted to the exam boards.

The grade you have received today, for each subject, is the highest of either the Centre Assessed Grade or the grade awarded by the exam board.