



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all for the exceptional way that you have handled the unprecedented examination period. The examination results period has been difficult here in school and exceptionally difficult for you. There have been daily announcements that have often been contradictory.

I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone: governors, staff, parents, carers and students for making the best that we can in a difficult time.

Some of you will be delighted with the grades that you were awarded and others will be disappointed. I know that many of you would have preferred the opportunity to demonstrate what you are capable of under examination conditions.

I wish all of you the very best and whether you are returning to King's or not I hope to see you soon and hear of your successes as you embark on the exciting next steps of your careers.

I hope that you are aware that you cannot appeal the Centre Assessed Grades and that the 'Triple Lock' announced by Gavin Williamson on the morning of the A level results appears to have been withdrawn. The latest version of the appeals process can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/appeal-arrangements-for-as-a-levels-and-gcses>.

In essence you can now ask the school to check whether an administrative error was made when submitting the centre assessment grade or position in the rank order. If we have made an error then we will submit an appeal to the exam board. You can also appeal if you believe that something went wrong in processing your result.

If you believe that we have discriminated against you then you also have a right to appeal and in this instance you should bring a complaint against the school using our complaints procedure:

<http://www.kings.lincs.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=51>

If you are not satisfied with the grade that you were awarded then you can take an examination in October to demonstrate the result you would have achieved:

<http://www.kings.lincs.sch.uk/page/?title=Exam+Information&pid=255>

I know that none of the appeals processes, are wholly satisfactory and that potentially better solutions have not been implemented. I share the frustration of the individuals who believe that they would have performed better under examination conditions.

I do hope that you are able to celebrate the numerous successes that you have had during your time here at King's and that your next adventure, including those joining us here in the Sixth Form, is something that you are really looking forward to.

Yours sincerely

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