

16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Year 11 Students and Parents

It goes without saying it has been a difficult time over recent months. I hope you are all keeping well and positive.

We now know that GCSE Grades can be released to students at 09.00am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Normally, you would be coming into school with friends, family and also a large number of staff would be on site to celebrate with you. Unfortunately, as you know, there are so many things we are doing or are allowed to do at the moment that are not 'normal'. We have waited for clarity on safety to decide on the arrangements for passing on your grades to you on the 20<sup>th</sup> August.

We have had to consider the social distancing and safety Guidance that we have to follow in the Academy as the first and final consideration of the format of the 20<sup>th</sup> August.

As a result of the considerations and safety guidance and to ensure all students get the opportunity to receive their Grades at the same time we will be sending out GCSE grades via email at 09.00 am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August to each student's personal Year 11 Academy email address.

Please check you can remember your password and access the Academy email address in advance of 20<sup>th</sup> August as we are not permitted to release Grades over the phone or to personal email addresses. If you cannot remember your password please email [admin@theaxholmeacademy.com](mailto:admin@theaxholmeacademy.com)

If you would prefer a paper copy of the grades please email [admin@theaxholmeacademy.com](mailto:admin@theaxholmeacademy.com) and we will put this in place for you.

We did consider a booking system to physically come to the Academy site to pick up the Grades to ensure social distancing and no large groups gathering but this would have meant some students would be disadvantaged by not being able to get their grades until much later than 09.00am.

We are sure that there will be some students and parents who would wish to talk through the Grades and we will be offering options such as telephone conversations, Google Meets or one to one appointments at the Academy at a specified time. We will provide more information on this nearer the time.

We appreciate it will be disappointing to students and parents to be unable to physically come to the Academy site to pick up your grades. I can assure you that staff and I are equally as disappointed. We will be in contact prior to 20<sup>th</sup> August with a reminder of the arrangements.

Best wishes



Mr D Keogh  
Principal