



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”  
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



## Statement from the Executive Principal: Level 3 results day

Dear Y13 students, parents/carers and wider school community

We have begun to share the Level 3 results this morning with students and families and as you will all be aware this year's unprecedented situation has left a system in flux. I am delighted to say that many of our students have been awarded fair grades requisite of their abilities, tenacity and hard work. Also, and much more importantly, the vast majority of our students have grades that will allow them to move onto the next stage of their journey whatever that may be. Our main body of work today and over the coming days is to ensure that every single student has that sorted and that will be the number one priority of the school's leadership. However, as you will undoubtedly be aware, the policy and 11<sup>th</sup> hour change of policy has led to some confusion around what grades the students will eventually end up with. Ofqual themselves have stated this morning that guidance on mock results/appeals will not be available until next week.

As I write this at 7am on Thursday morning the national picture is suggesting that 40% of teacher grades have been changed. HGSC are in line with that figure and therefore there will be some work to do on appeals when the guidance and protocol of appeals are published. Our internal systems of tracking and standardising grade submission is second to none and our 'centre assessed grades' were robustly checked at every stage and all signed off by myself after weeks of laser sharp scrutiny.

This cohort of students are the best I've ever worked with and we have what I regard as an 'exceptional cohort' as well as some amazing individual students that have clearly been affected by a national algorithmic system that shows no recognition of that.

I have little doubt that there will be more national debate and decision changing over the course of the next few days and therefore we implore patience regarding this. As soon as there is a structure in place, myself, the senior leadership team and the post 16 team will be in full communication with you.

As the proud Principal of those students and this school I will ensure that every opportunity to challenge this injustice is seen through to the end. As I stated earlier the most important part of this is now making sure no doors have been closed and that all of our students are secure in their plans for September.

Finally I want to publicly thank all of the staff and students that have had to endure this situation for their professionalism and empathy for one another throughout. Never before has the team spirit and togetherness of this school community been stronger.

Enjoy the rest of summer and I will be in touch as soon as the DFE/Ofqual provide some structure and clarity for the next steps.

Yours sincerely

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