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Dear Parent/Carer,

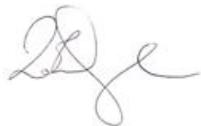
Re: Appealing exam grades for GCSEs and A-Levels, Summer 2020

I hope that you are beginning to feel the positive impact of the easing of lockdown measures and that this letter finds you and your families well. We were keen to prepare you for the release of the examinations results in August, and in particular the appeals process around the grades that will be released to you by the exam boards. As you will appreciate, this year will be very different from any previous year, and we wanted to prepare you for this.

You will know that we submitted our centre assessed grades in June. Since then the examination boards will have been looking at the grades to ensure national moderation and standardisation. This will be, in part, to ensure that there is a fair distribution of grades before they finally publish them. As a result, although the grades were initially generated by staff at the Weald, ultimately, it is the boards that will have provided the grades that students will receive. Those of you who have an understanding of the appeals process will know that, in a normal year, there are a range of services offered by the exam boards - checking the addition of marks on paper, through to a full remark of the answers provided by the candidate. This summer, there were no examinations, so these checks do not apply. Therefore, the prime basis for appeal will be due to what is deemed a 'failure in the process'. Obviously, to ensure that the process has been robust and as rigorous as possible and, in response to advice from the examination boards, we have kept a record of the process that we have been through in order to reach these grades, as well as the evidence that we have used to reach these decisions. We have, of course, adhered very closely to all their guidance in doing so. As a result, appeals will, in reality, be limited to resitting the exams in the Autumn.

As a result of this situation, the only person who should be contacted in regards to an appeal would be the examinations manager, or the relevant Director of Learning. Once again, we fully appreciate how unsettling this is for all of you. We continue to regard it of the utmost priority to support students through this period and we will do our very best to support your child.

Yours faithfully,



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Assistant Headteacher