I hope this letter continues to find you and your families safe and well.

I am writing to provide you with a further update about our progress in the assignment of Centre Assessed Grades for those students in Year 13 affected by the cancellation of the summer 2020 exam season because of the Coronavirus pandemic. In addition we would like to share with you our initial plans for A Level results day on Thursday, August 13th.

You will recall that schools were asked by OFQUAL, on behalf of the government, to use their professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade they believe a student would have achieved had they sat their exams this year; this grade was termed the 'Centre Assessed Grade' or CAG. In addition, the school was asked to rank students within each grade in each subject. These processes were completed earlier this month and a summary of the actions taken by the school can be found on our website https://www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/OFQUAL-Guidance-for-Website.pdf

The government has confirmed that, following possible further standardisation by the examination boards, the students will receive their results as previously planned on Thursday August 13 for A-Level, Level 3 BTEC & CTEC subjects. We believe it is important for the students to have the opportunity to collect their results from the school in person but the day will look slightly different to ensure we adhere to social distancing guidelines as currently outlined by the government.

On Thursday 13th August, students in forms 13.1 and 13.2 will be able to collect their results between 8am and 9am; students in forms 13.3 and 13.4 will be able to collect their results between 9am and 10am. Please ensure you stick to these times to help us maintain social distancing. Students will enter the school via main reception and collect their results envelope from a desk in the Main Hall. The envelopes will have been prepared in accordance with Public Health England's hygiene guidelines. Students will then follow a one way system that takes them out of the Hall into the outside space between the Humanities and English block. Here they will be able to open their results and speak to friends and staff present, whilst maintaining social distancing. To minimise the number of staff in school, only members of the Senior Leadership Team will be present and unfortunately, we cannot allow parents to enter the school building. Students will then leave the school site, again following a one way system. Should the weather be poor on that day, we will have a contingency plan allowing students to open their results in a suitable indoor space.

As in any year, we will be supporting some students who are disappointed with their results and those who need to go through clearing on the day. There is no appeals process as such for 2020 but students who disagree with or feel they have would like to improve upon the grade they have been awarded will have an opportunity to do so as OFQUAL have confirmed that an additional examination season will take place in the Autumn term. Final details have yet to be published, however it is likely that A Level exams will be available in October 2020 (with results issued in December 2020). In addition, there will be the opportunity to make an appointment to see a member of the Senior Leadership Team on Friday 14th August. We hope you understand the need to minimise the number of people in the building and potential forming of queues to see a member of staff which prevents us from meeting students and parents on an ad hoc basis on results day itself.

We fully appreciate that some students may not wish to make the journey to school to collect their results and in these circumstances, if we are made aware prior to the end of term on July 17th, we can prioritise the sending of your results by post if required.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Headteacher