

## To all Year 11 students

20th August, 2020

Dear student



To all of you who are coming back to school to collect your results today: welcome back! It's good to see you.

We know that the last few months have been very strange for everyone. However you are feeling today, and whatever your results are, **we are here to help**. If you want any advice and guidance about your next steps, if you want any support following the months of lockdown, or if you simply want to chat — do let us know. There are many members of staff around and our top priority is you, and your welfare.

I wanted to write to you, though, to let you know about BTECs, which some of you have studied throughout Years 10 and 11. You may have seen in the news that late yesterday afternoon, schools were told not to give out BTEC results today, because the grades might change. We don't think that is fair, because you may need your BTEC results to get a place in Year 12 (here or somewhere else). So we are giving you your BTEC results anyway. Please bear in mind, though:

- **All BTEC results are provisional.** They may change over the next few days. We are reasonably certain they won't go down, but we can't be sure whether the result we're giving you will stay the same or go up. We will let you know (through your school e-mail address) when we find out what the final results are.
- **We will accept these provisional results for admission into our Sixth Form.** We don't want anyone left wondering whether they will get a place in our Year 12 because of the situation with BTECs.
- If you have missed out on our Sixth Form entry requirements because of a BTEC grade, **I will personally review your situation.** As you know, we have strict entry requirements for our Sixth Form courses, and if you do not meet the entry requirements for the course(s) you want to study, I will talk to you about your situation.
- If you have missed out on the entry requirements for somewhere else because of a BTEC grade, **please let us know.** We may be able to contact the place where you're hoping to go, and make a case on your behalf.
- Above all, if you took a BTEC and are at all worried or concerned about the situation, **please talk to us.** As ever, we would be delighted to help.

Whilst I'm writing, I'd like to remind you that Mrs Gallagher, our independent Careers Advisor, will be here all morning (and into the afternoon if necessary!) to help anyone who needs advice about their next steps. **Please do not hesitate to talk to her** if you need to. She will be in the Sports Hall.

Finally, I hope that the situation with BTECs doesn't take away from the main message of today — which is about you, your hard work, and your achievements. We are proud of you as a year-group. We want to celebrate all that you have given to our school during your five years with us so far. We want to congratulate you on everything you have learned — whether or not it has been recognised in the exam results published (or not published!) today. You have been through the most extraordinary of years, and are still here today: we salute you!

With my best wishes,

Mr S Brierley  
Principal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Brierley', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.