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Dear Year 13,

The following is a response to what we know based on an Ofqual announcement on 17th August.

The government announced yesterday that Centre Assessed Grades, known as CAG, will be used as your official grades. These were the original grades the school submitted BEFORE some of them were adjusted by exam boards to fit with historical data. Whichever grade is higher (CAG or the grade you received on Thursday, the Standardised Exam Board Grade) is the one you can use as your ACTUAL A-Level.

The announcement refers to A-Levels and GCSE. Remember that centre-assessed grades already took into account a range of data including mocks but were not solely based any particular test or mock.

The official government announcement by Ofqual can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/.../statement-from-roger-taylor-chair-ofqu...>

In response, we are preparing a report to be issued by email to each Year 13 student with the CAG grades listed for each of your subjects. If the CAG is higher than the grade issued to you on Thursday, then you can use the CAG as your final grade. No changes to BTEC grades have been mentioned at this point. That message is in the official announcement linked in with this email.

Of course, how universities will handle this situation depends on them. In a tweet by UCAS today, UCAS has asked for the exam boards to provide the CAG data and then they will send it to universities. **So, from what we know at the moment, if you missed out on your Firm or Insurance choice, you might be advised to share the CAG grade with your preferred university, when you receive it from us, and see if there is space available.** Universities might wait to receive the data from UCAS and that is their right to do so. It's always worth asking. Universities are not legally obliged to use this data if spaces are full, as far as I understand. However, there are many places still out there this year!

We are busy creating the CAG report ready to send to you, so please be patient while we get this ready. We aim to get you this individualised report later today. It's likely to be in the late afternoon/evening as the grades need to be processed on our system ready to be submitted in a report to each one of you.

Please refrain from emailing us individually to find out your CAG grades and wait for the report to come through to you today. I hope this presents some much needed good news in these challenging few days.

Kind regards,

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