



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

10th June 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ref: Yr12 Examination Results and UCAS matters

Following the recent internal Year 12 examinations I am writing to let you know that the results from these examinations will be released to pupils on Wednesday 4th July at 1.45. The envelopes that pupils receive will include the grades awarded to the examination performance in each subject; the STAR (estimated) grade for each subject; and the predicted UCAS grade that has been decided by each Head of Department.

The predicted grades will be used in any UCAS, apprenticeship or job application that requires the school to write a reference. As detailed by Mr Langton previously, the default UCAS predicted grade is the same as the Y12 internal exam grade. Heads of Department have the authority to raise a UCAS predicted grade by a maximum of one grade above the Y12 internal exam grade, based upon previous performance. In cases of significant extenuating circumstances, letters can be sent to Mr Langton to request consideration for the predicted grades to be raised by a maximum of two grades (above the Year 12 examination result).

As a school we are well aware that these results will be a reason for some to celebrate, but the cause of much distress for others. Some pupils may need to re-assess their options for university study or future careers and I suggest that they make full use of the remaining parts of the summer term, as well as the summer break to fully research and investigate realistic opportunities available.

I would also like to inform you that the UCAS Day for Year 12 pupils will be on *Friday 29th June*. This will mark the formal start of the university application process. We recommend that all pupils register for UCAS on the day, even if they are considering apprenticeships or other post-18 options. All pupils will be involved in a number of activities between 9.00 and 1.15, with an extra session for prospective Oxbridge candidates running after lunch (2.15 - 3.15). Pupils will be required to sign up for this session so that we can adequately staff it and use an appropriate room.

P.T.O

Please return this slip to Mr Matley or Miss Weston directly

I/we, the parent(s) of _____ form _____ am/are aware of the requirements for notifying school of university visit days.

Signed: _____

The two visits during school time will be:

1. University name: _____ Date: _____

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2. University name: _____ Date: _____

A key part of the university application process is choosing the correct course and university. We recognise that pupils will want to attend some of the upcoming open days offered by universities throughout the UK. A list of these can be found at www.opendays.com, which will allow you and your child to select the appropriate dates for visits. There are many open days that happen at weekends and during holiday time, but the Headmaster will allow each pupil to be absent from school for *two days* in order to make these visits. I would be grateful if you complete the reply slip to inform us of the dates and universities being selected. This slip will act as your notification to the school. If these choices change I will require written notification from yourself *three days prior to the visit*. If the school are not given this notice period then your child will be given an 'unauthorised absence' on our registration system.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Miss Weston on the main school number.

Yours sincerely

Mr R J Matley

Head of Sixth Form