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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Praising Stars 5 - Years 10, 11, 12 and 13**

As you will be aware from previous correspondence in March, the deadline for Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) to be submitted to the exam boards is 18 June 2021 and our intention was to continue to send home Praising Stars reports. However, we are now at a point where we are nearing the submission date for TAGs and have therefore made the decision not to share Praising Stars 5 data with you as we now feel that we are too close to the TAGs deadline. The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has instructed all schools not to share TAGs with students.

Over the last few months, teachers have been collating all the evidence needed to justify the final TAG grades. The exam boards will then carry out a quality assurance process on the grades which could result in the grades being amended. Final grades will be available to students on the following dates:

- A Level results - Tuesday, 10 August 2021
- GCSE results - Thursday, 12 August 2021

We will confirm arrangements for the distribution of results nearer the time. We are hopeful that students will be able to collect their results in person and access the praise, support and guidance that the academy has always offered to students in previous years.

The end of an academic year is always an emotional time during which students and staff look back on the many wonderful experiences that have been shared within the academy. This year has been no different. It is testament to our students that their outlook has remained positive throughout the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. They will not be defined by these events, they have risen to every challenge and they have never wavered from their desire to get the best possible academic outcomes. I write on behalf of all the staff at the academy when I say "thank you". The successes of the students are their own, however, without your support and guidance this process would have been much harder to navigate.

Yours faithfully,



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Head of School



**Steve Roberts**  
Lead Principal