23rd June 2021

Dear Students and Parents,

I do hope that you have had some to relax now that the whole GCSE and A Level assessment period is over. Although you will be awaiting your results, now is the time to concentrate on your other interests and spend time with friends and family as well as thinking ahead to the next stage in your educational journey.

Staff here at Plymouth High School have worked tirelessly to ensure that you were fully prepared for the rolling programme of green assessments that took place in school in April, May and June. They provided revision lists, revision materials and ensured that lesson time was spent preparing you for the assessments that followed. This meant that you were best placed to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding in the assessments within each curriculum area. Teachers have also ensured that the marking and moderation of these green assessments was consistent and that historic grade boundaries were used in a robust and fair way. For those students where special consideration was needed, this has been applied in a robust and fair way in line with the guidance from the JCQ. Please see the link for more details on special consideration.

## A-guide-to-the-spec-con-process-202021-Website-version.pdf (jcq.org.uk)

Please can I remind you that more information about the summer series results processes can be found by clicking on the links below.

## Student guide to awarding: summer 2021 (publishing.service.gov.uk)

The administrative team for exams here at PHSG has checked and double checked the data entered onto the exam board portals to ensure that no clerical errors have been made in uploading the grades.

The Senior Leadership Team have been through all the grades submitted and reviewed the evidence on which the grades have been based and are confident that the grades are accurate and reflect the outcomes that the students would have most likely achieved in the summer 2021. This includes any student who was borderline to the grade above. In all borderline cases, we reviewed the assessment evidence carefully and are confident that the grade awarded is the correct one.

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As a summary, we can therefore be confident that the grades submitted to the examination boards are accurate, fair and based on the evidence collected from the green assessments.

On receiving your results, if you feel that an appeal is necessary then please be mindful that we have already checked for clerical errors and have found none. The result of any appeal stands and it would be remiss of us not to inform you that appeals can cause grades to both increase and decrease.

More information about the appeals processes can be found by clicking on the links below.

## JCQ Appeals-Guidance Summer-2021.pdf

The documentation that students would need to complete in order to appeal can be found on our website, see <a href="here">here</a>.

A final reminder that the results days are:

A' level Results day is the 10th August 2021

## GCSE Results day is the 12th August 2021

I hope that you are able to enjoy the few weeks between now and the Results Day in August. Stay safe and we will see you soon.

Kind regards

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