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Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see the vast majority of our Year 11 pupils on GCSE Results day. It was a very different day to normal, but we did our best to meet and support pupils.

I felt it was important to clarify that in contrast to the terminology used in the press, the grades that were released to pupils yesterday were not teacher predictions but 'Centre Assessed Grades'. Our policy and procedures are outlined in our 'Centre Assessed Grade policy' which is available on our website and I would encourage parents to read this document to get a clear understanding of the process. St Peter's followed the rules set out by Ofqual, at the time examinations were cancelled and worked hard to do our best for all our pupils within the rules that were given.

The policy has changed numerous times over the results period, and I can completely appreciate the confusion that has occurred regarding appeals. Because the Government changed the rules so that pupils received the Centre Assessed Grade rather than the exam board calculated grade, no individual appeals are permitted. Ofqual has produced the attached guide to explain this and again, I would encourage parents to read this document.

We are committed to supporting all of our Year 11 pupils in whatever pathway they are considering next, so please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office should your son or daughter require any help or advice. We are looking forward to welcoming many of our Year 11 pupils back into our Sixth Form. The courses we offer and the entry requirements for each course are available on our school website but do let us know should you require any further information. Regarding this, we only admit pupils to enrol on courses where we believe they will have a good chance of success and hence while we consider each pupil individually, we do have to insist on certain entry requirements to avoid setting any pupil up to fail.

For those pupils who are choosing to pursue their education elsewhere, or for those for whom St Peter's doesn't offer an appropriate course, I wish these pupils all the best for the future and I am sorry that their final year at St Peter's was such a disrupted one and did not finish in the way we all would have wanted. We are still determined to celebrate this year group with all pupils, whether they remain at St Peter's or not at the new proposed Prom in December. I look forward to seeing as many pupils as possible there.

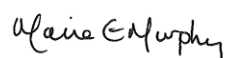
During yesterday morning, I am aware a Parking Warden was issuing parking fines to cars parked on Whitefields Road. I have spoken with the council, and on their guidance, have produced a letter that can be



submitted with any appeal that is made towards a fine received. To receive a copy of this letter, please contact the school office.

With best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs M. E. Murphy
Headteacher