

Dear Students,

As you are aware, today would have been the day when you would have started your independent study period in preparation for your A Level examinations. However, you are sharing a unique experience whereby you have had your A Level examinations cancelled and you will be awarded A Levels based on centre-assessed grades, taking into consideration your performance over the last two years. Our overriding aim in this process is to be fair to students and to make sure you are not disadvantaged in your progress to university, apprenticeships and employment due to these unprecedented conditions. The grades you get this summer will look the same as in previous years, and they will have equal status with universities, colleges and employers, whilst enabling you to move forward in your lives as planned.

We would like to remind you that there would be no formal appeals process following the exam results. However, if students feel that the grade awarded in any subject does not reflect their true potential, students will be given an opportunity to sit an exam in that subject in Autumn 2020. We will update you with details of this process when we receive further guidance from Ofqual.

We also appreciate how important it is to mark the end of your time at our schools. Many of you have been here for the last seven years, others for two and have made many friends. Over this time, you have engaged in a number of different activities, both academic and extra-curricular, to help broaden your horizons. We are proud of your contribution to the amazing showcase events at Copleston such as the dance shows, sporting events, student leadership, soirees, and school productions.

We feel that it is now time to use these experiences and flourish in your future career paths, whatever this may be. Remember this is just the beginning to a life full of hard work, struggle and achievements. Persistence and resilience are the key to success! We strongly believe that there is potential in every single one of you and finding the right key to unlock this potential will enable success, and we hope we have given you the tools to unlock your potential.

You are all moving onto the next stage of your journey whether that be university, an apprenticeship or paid employment. We hope that whatever pathway you choose, you can reflect on your experiences at Copleston and be the best you can be. As you leave school, we are confident that you have the right skills, knowledge and attitudes to be highly successful and we hope that you will continue to strive hard to achieve your potential in your chosen career path.

We would like to add that this year group has raised the bar for future years to follow and we feel privileged to have been a part of their journey. We look forward to sharing your child's success on 13th August when they receive the A Level results. We would like to take this opportunity to wish your child all the best in their future endeavours.

As you know students from Copleston have always been inspired by the success of our ex-students. As part of our Alumni programme, we are keen to hear about your child's successes in the future so that we share this with the next generation of students.

With my very best wishes

Mr A B Green (Principal)

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment