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Dear Student and Parent/Guardian

Following Ofqual's decision for all qualifications to have estimated/calculated grades for the academic year 2019/20, we are now in a position to share with you a timetable for when results for different qualifications will be released.

During May/June 2020, teachers have provided estimated/calculated grades for students to all Awarding Bodies. Teachers have used a range of evidence sources, e.g. work completed in class, assessed coursework, any prior exam(s) or mock results, attendance and general performance during the course, to allocate a grade that you most likely would have achieved if you had sat an examination or completed all assessment for all units of your qualification.

The majority of Awarding Bodies have now reviewed our centre assessment grades to check that we submitted all the information needed to give you a grade. They used a statistical model developed by Ofqual, to look at historical data and the national picture, as well as the data from colleges, before issuing final grades. This is important as it makes the process as fair as it can be for everyone, by ensuring the same grading standards are applied for all schools and colleges and that grades remain comparable from one year to the next. If grading judgements in some colleges appear to be more generous or severe than others, individual grades may be adjusted up or down to reflect this.

Many Awarding Bodies have started to release results, and, in all cases, they have prioritised Level 3 vocational qualifications to support students who are intending to go to University. Below is a table which has confirmed dates from some awarding bodies for release of qualifications.

Awarding Body Confirmed Release Dates for Qualifications:

Awarding Organisation	Release date to Students
AAT	13 August 2020
AQA GCSE	20 August 2020
City and Guilds Technical Level 3 and Extended Project	13 August 2020
CAVA	Already published
EAL	Already published
NCFE Level 2 and 3	13 August and 20 August
OCR Technical Level 3	13 August 2020
OCR Technical Level 2	20 August 2020
Pearson BTEC Level 2 qualifications (e.g. Firsts, Tech Awards, Technicals) with series-based external assessment, embargoed until 20 August 2020.	20 August 2020
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals RQF qualification results are embargoed until 13 August 2020	13 August 2020
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals QCF	Already Published
BTEC Level 1 Introductory	20 August 2020
Pearson Maths in Context Level 3	13 August 2020
Pearson Functional Skills and ESOL	20 August 2020

Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be hosting physical Results Days at college this academic year. We ask students not to come to college as they will not be able to receive their results on campus. You will be able to view your results online and we would ask you to please log onto Pro Portal using your network login details to review your overall grade(s). The link for Pro Portal is: <https://enrol.peterborough.ac.uk/proportal>. If your qualification is not listed above, please do not worry as Awarding Bodies are working to different timescales when releasing confirmed grades. We would ask you to regularly check for updates on Pro Portal.

Ofqual has also produced a Student guide to post-16 qualifications results in Summer 2020. To review this document please follow this link Student guide to post-16 qualifications results Summer 2020 - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/903884/Student_Guide_Summer_2020_20200727_1035_-_access.pdf.

Appeals Process

Ofqual has now confirmed that you cannot challenge your centre assessment grade. In the current unique circumstance, Ofqual does not believe there is any person better placed than your teachers to determine your centre assessed grade.

Students will only be able to appeal if they believe the process was not followed correctly in their case or the College may appeal if they identify an administration error when inputting grades. As we receive information from Ofqual relating to the appeals process we will post any updates on the college website.

If you are disappointed with your results, we are here to offer support and guidance and tutors will be available to discuss your options including progression into university, different courses and offer careers advice. Additionally, if you have undertaken GCSE English, Maths or Science and you want to improve your grade you will be able to resit your exam in November 2020. Teachers for these subjects will be available to discuss fully the best option for each student, so be assured that we will do everything to support your next steps

If you are progressing onto your next stage be that university, work or college Ofqual has confirmed that these results will carry the same weight as in other years and should be treated the same by employers, colleges and universities. For those of you studying a Level 3 qualification, they will carry the same number of UCAS points as in previous years. Please follow this link <https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/news/Pages/Update-from-UCAS-and-Universities-UK-.aspx?> and read the information issued by UCAS and Universities UK, which seeks to reassure students about the flexible approach they will be taking this year to support all Level, 3 students, during this unprecedented time.

We wish you every success in your next steps and for those returning to study with us, we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Yours sincerely

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