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Dear Parent,

I hope that you and your families are well and returning to some sense of normality during this period of our lives. After what can be described as an unprecedented year, students in Year 11 collected their results on Thursday 20th August, in what was not a normal results day, however it was so pleasing seeing some Year 11 faces back in school. We should never forget how hard students have worked during their entire time at school and how challenging the end of this year has been for them.

The results this year were a Centre Assessed Grade (CAG) or a moderated grade issued by the government, with the higher one being issued to students. The CAG is evidence-based and an objective reflection of likely student performance had exams gone ahead. The evening before results day, the decision which was made by Ofqual to award the best of the CAG and the moderated result, this has helped to remove some of the complications and concerns for students. Staff worked hard to ensure that the grades submitted to exam boards had been checked and standardised so that they were fair and realistic. I am delighted that the hard work of our staff and students has been recognised in this excellent set of results.

For the 4th year in a row, Lees Brook results show an improvement. The percentage of students achieving a grade 4 in both English and Maths increased to 73%, this figure has continued to improve year on year, from 52% in 2017 to 62% in 2018 and 70% in 2019. 47% of students achieved a grade 5+ in both English and maths, a significant improvement from 2019. English continue to exceed all expectations, 85% achieved a level 4 in either English Language or Literature. Maths maintained their high standards, with 75% of students gaining a grade 4.

As always, there has been outstanding individual performances, with one student in particular achieving 5 GCSEs at grade 9 and 3 grade 7s; this is an outstanding achievement and will be amongst some of the best results nationally. I also want to pay tribute to a number of students who have made outstanding academic progress from their starting point since they joined Lees Brook. One such example is a student who achieved a progress score of +6 (this equates to approximately 6 grades better per subject than the national expectation).

It was pleasing to see the number of grade 9s continue to increase. In 2018 we started with 20 grade 9s. This year we have achieved 49 GCSE grade 9s across a wide range of subjects,

Finally, I'd like to say a special thanks to all of the staff, students and parents who have worked exceptionally hard to achieve an excellent set of results. The current situation has had an enormous impact on the end of Year 11 and this is certainly not the way I envisaged the end of term, but let's hope that we can move on in September to new beginnings and that students will take forward with them lots of good memories and successes from their time at Lees Brook.

Yours faithfully,

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