

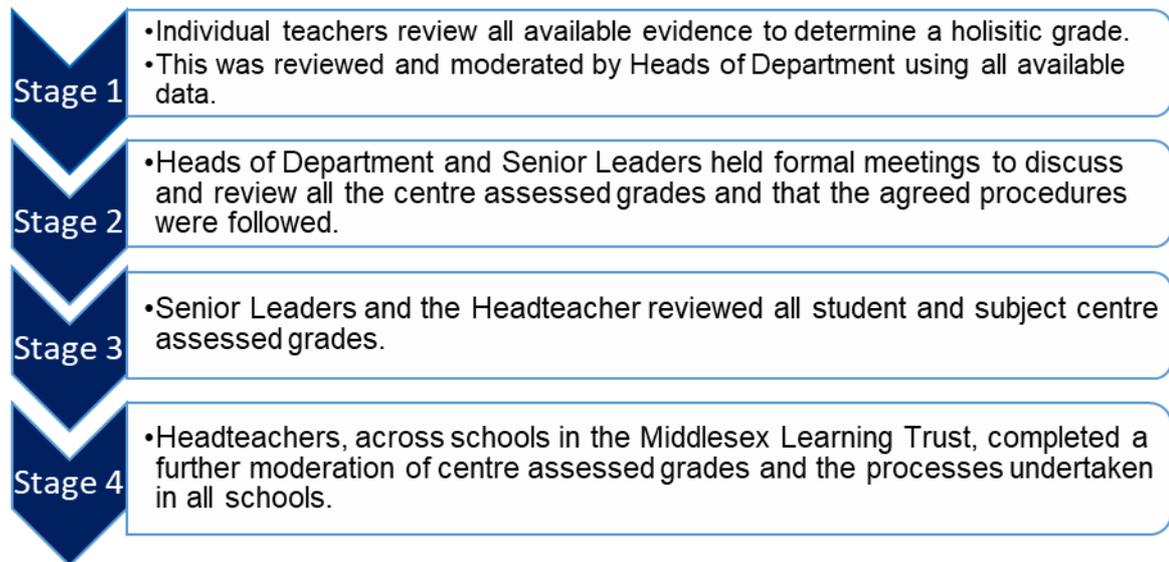
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Dear Parent

### Exam Appeals 2020

As we approach the results day in August 2020 (Year 13 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August and Year 11 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August), I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that the process by which the school determined its Centre Awarded Grades was rigorous, fair and followed all national guidelines. We have operated with the ‘generosity of spirit’ called for by Ofqual when the decision to cancel public exams was first made; we have based our judgements on the range of evidence and data held in school across the entire course. The infographics attached are from Ofqual and Pearsons (who oversee the BTEC qualifications), you may find them helpful.

It is important that you understand that the final grade received by your son or daughter will *not necessarily* be that submitted by ourselves. Their final grade will be the result of a standardisation process undertaken by Ofqual, (the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) and this may well be different from that which the school awarded.



Clearly, the absence of any public exams this year means that the scope and process for appeals is also very different. Fundamentally, because there are no exam papers to review, it is **not possible** to appeal the final grade awarded to your child.

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The only ground for any appeal therefore, is as follows:

- That you believe the school or exam board has made a clerical error
- Students have concerns about bias, discrimination or any other factor that suggests that the school did not behave with care or integrity when determining grades

If you or your child are unhappy with their awarded grade, they do have the right to sit an exam in the Autumn (dates to be shared when available), but the preparation for this exam will not be provided by the school as, we will not have the resources to provide teachers for catch-up classes. The examination re-sit will also not take into account any NEA (coursework/practical) components of the qualification. It is likely that A Level resits will be in October and GCSEs in November.

Many of you have asked about how the enrolment to The Compton Sixth Form will relate to this process. I am delighted to inform you that we will be basing our decisions on the centre assessed grades, provided by us as a school, to determine whether students have met the entry criteria and subject specific requirements for the courses they wish to study.

Yours sincerely,



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