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Dear Y13 Student

I am sure your minds will now be turning to the prospect of Thursday 13 August, A Level Results day, and the avenues that this finally opens for your post-College life. Following the guidance given by Mr Holmes in his letter of 12 June, I am sure you will appreciate that the virus conditions have forced us to turn this into a remote event. Senior staff, Heads of Year, and our pastoral teams will all be available to support you on the day and to offer individualized guidance where this is needed. This will include specific guidance from our UCAS and Higher Education team. The plans for the day will follow this format:

- On the UCAS Apply website your course offers are confirmed from 0700.
- At 0830 on Thursday 13 August the exams office will email you your results. There will be a recorded message from myself on the College website.
- From 0930 members of the Senior Leadership Team will telephone you to confirm receipt of
 results and advise you if any next steps are required. Please note that we can only discuss results
 with students directly and not with parents as data protection laws are in operation here. The
 steps are as follows:
 - If you have achieved or exceeded your UCAS firm choice offer, congratulations!
 You will automatically get confirmation in due course and need do nothing else at this time.
 - o If you have not achieved your UCAS firm choice but have achieved the insurance offer, then it is worth checking that your first choice course will not accept you. If you are happy with your insurance choice, you do not need to do anything; you will automatically get confirmation in due course.
 - O If you have missed both your firm choice offer and your insurance offer, then it is worth phoning the universities before you do anything else to check that they will not accept you. If you have indeed been unsuccessful but still want to go to university this year then consult http://www.ucas.com/clearing and begin your research into alternatives.
 - If you did not get any offers or declined all of your offers but still want to go to
 university this year then consult http://www.ucas.com/clearing and begin your
 research into alternatives.
 - o **If you did not apply for University this year** but want to go in 2021 then please write to Dr Preece as soon as you know your plans.

It is worth re-stating here that Ofqual and the Department for Education have outlined that the normal process of families requesting 'reviews of marking' will not apply this year. Students who do not feel the grade awarded to them by examination boards reflects their true ability will have the opportunity to sit an exam "as soon as is reasonably possible" and each exam board will set a future date for this, likely to start in November.

Senior Members of Staff who will be available on the day and will be the people telephoning you after the publication of results:

Mr Brewer – Assistant Head, Head of Sixth Form

Mrs Davies – Acting Deputy Head (Pastoral)

Mr Hewlett – Headmaster

Mr Holmes – Deputy Head (Academic), designate

Mrs Latham – Assistant Head, Director of Studies

Mr O'Dwyer - Assistant Head, Head of Middle School

Dr Preece – Head of UCAS

Mrs Poolton - Examinations Officer

Mr Scambler - Head of Year 13

Looking forward, I encourage you to join our alumnae network, SDConnect, if you have not done so already: https://dunstonians.org.uk. We will seek to hold your postponed Graduation Day in the Autumn and then we have chance to celebrate together at last. We shall contact you further about this in the coming months.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Alex Brewer

Head of Sixth Form