

July 2021

Dear Year 13 Students and all those receiving results this summer,

I hope that you are well, and that those of you in year 13 who watched the streamed Leavers' Celebration enjoyed the event. If you missed it, you can use [this link](#) to view a recording and see the messages from your teachers and from the senior team.

Before college breaks for the summer holidays, I would like to share with you a little bit of information about results day this year. Level 3 results (A level, BTEC, WJEC qualifications) will be published on Cedar on **Tuesday 10 August** at 8.30am. Level 2 results (GCSE maths and English and other level 2) will be published on Cedar on **Thursday 12 August** at 8.30am.

We know that some students will wish to access support on results day regarding university places, UCAS clearing or careers. Support will be available by telephone from 8.30am by telephoning 01977 702139 and selecting either the option for **Careers Support and Progress Tutor**. We would encourage you to take a look at some guidance we have prepared about UCAS and clearing in advance of results day. <https://ncpontefract.ac.uk/clearing/>

We will also have Progress Tutors available to speak with students about their general wellbeing. Again, support will be available by telephone from 8.30am by telephoning 01977 702139 and selecting either the option for **Careers Support and Progress Tutor**. There will be a member of the **counselling team** available on 10 August from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm to offer additional emotional support should you need to talk about your results. Call 07804 889281 between these hours and leave a message if the line is busy.

Your teachers have worked incredibly hard to make sure that the grades awarded this summer are fair and supported by the evidence. We have shared with you the Centre Policy, now approved by JCQ, which sets out how grades have been determined: [Centre Policy](#). We have also shared details of the evidence used by your teachers and this is available on Cedar. Thorough internal quality assurance of grades has taken place, and external quality assurance by the exam boards, giving both college leaders and students confidence that grading has been carried out accurately, consistently and fairly. [Click here](#) to see an infographic released by JCQ to summarise the checks that have taken place to ensure each centre's grades are fair and accurate.

Although we are able to provide support and guidance about UCAS, clearing and careers, we will not be in a position to have broader discussions with you or your parents about why you were awarded specific grades. However, we have prepared a detailed *frequently asked questions* (FAQs) page for you: <https://ncpontefract.ac.uk/results-faq/>. We strongly encourage you to read this information carefully. The FAQs also provide information about your options if you are disappointed with your results this summer. This includes the opportunity to sit the exams in the autumn, or to access the appeals process determined nationally by JCQ. I hope that you receive results you can be proud of.

It is important to recognise that appeals will not be upheld by exam boards where there is simply a difference of opinion about the grade awarded and where there is reasonable evidence in support of the grade awarded. In cases where teachers are making a judgement between two possible grades, and where there is evidence in support of both, it is very unlikely that the awarding of the lower grade would be considered unreasonable and therefore such an appeal is very unlikely to succeed. If you believe there has been administrative or procedural error, you will be able to request a Stage 1 Centre Review.

I would like to stress how important it is that you keep checking over the summer that you can access your college email account and Cedar. If your password expires or if you cannot log into Cedar on results day, you will not be able to access your results. If you have any difficulties, please visit <https://nclt.ac.uk/itfaqs/>.

We very much hope that you are pleased with the grades that you are awarded this summer and that they reflect your hard work over the last two years. We are extremely proud of how committed and resilient our students have been over the last year, working hard despite challenging circumstances. As a college that consistently achieves very strong grades, we look forward to sharing similarly excellent results with you this August!

Wishing you a very happy and safe summer.

Yours sincerely,



Vicky Marks, Principal