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Dear Students and Parent/Carers

## LYMM HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 11 UPDATE

I am writing to you in response to several changes and announcements which we have been witnessing over the last few days with regards to A level results. Understandably, this is always a relatively tense time for students and their families as they await the outcome of examinations, however we truly sympathise with you all this year not having had the opportunity to sit the examinations you all worked so hard for.

At the time of writing, some of you may be aware that students in both Scotland and Northern Ireland have been informed that rather than receive a grade calculated via the exam board's statistical algorithm, they will be receiving their centre assessed grades (grades awarded by school). This has not been announced for students in England and Wales, however we will be keeping a close eye on this and will update you once we have further information.

I imagine that your post 16 options and destinations may be playing on your mind and so having discussed at length with both Mr Williams and Mrs Jennings, we have decided that we will be offering you a sixth form place for your chosen subjects in accordance with your centre assessed grades. This means, that if your calculated grades (awarded by exam boards), are lower than what we as a school predicted you would get, we will still be able to offer you a place in sixth form based on your centre assessed grades (predicted by school). We hope that this will help to alleviate any stress or panic which some of you may be feeling and bring a little clarity in what has been a turbulent couple of months.

Having looked at the data, it is pleasing to see that over 90% of you who have applied with us will be accepted onto your chosen courses for A level. Please be assured, for those of you who do find yourselves in a position whereby neither your calculated grades or centre assessed grades allow you to access your sixth form courses with us, try to stay calm; we will be working hard to support you and offer guidance to help you with your next steps.

For now, please try not to worry or speculate too much about what Thursday could bring. I know that this is easier said than done, but with the situation changing by the second (at least that is how it feels!), there is little point in guessing what the outcome could be. We will be in touch as soon as we can with further information relating to results day, grading and sixth form enrolment. It is worth saying, for those of you who have applied to join us for sixth form, please ensure that you do have access to your school email for further communication from Mrs Jennings and her team.

Yours sincerely,



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