

Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Year 13 Students

We were very pleased to have been in school last Thursday to support you on A Level results day. Many of you received the grades you deserved and have been accepted by your chosen universities – congratulations to you all.

However, we are also aware that there are a significant portion of Y13s at Tapton and across the country who did not receive the grades they were hoping for and have struggled to gain a place as a result. We want to reassure those students that we are still here for you and available to help as you plan your next steps. Please contact school on the exams@taptonschool.co.uk email address if you need further support.

As a school we pride ourselves on being 'a difference making institution,' meaning students who work hard achieve excellence during their time with us. This has consistently been the case for well over 10 years. Unfortunately, the computer algorithm used by the government has not taken this into account and many of you have been disadvantaged as a result.

We have therefore made the decision to appeal on behalf of all our students to see our grades improved to bring them in line with our calculated grades and our attainment and progress over the past 3 years. Lots of you have requested individual appeals on the basis of your mock exams and these will still take place alongside our whole school appeal. Please be aware that according to the Department for Education '**there is grade protection this year, no grades will go down as a result of an appeal.**' It is also worth noting that there will not be a financial charge for putting forward an appeal.

At present Ofqual are reviewing the process for appeals and we hope to hear news on how this will work in the next couple of days. We will keep in touch during this time using our website and Twitter account.

In the meantime, please remember that you are so much more than just the grades you achieve. We are incredibly proud of you all and know you will go on to do great things and make a positive impact on the world around you – just as you have during your time with us.

Yours faithfully



Ms Rhodes
Headteacher



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