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Dear *Student*

We would like to thank those of you who attended your exam this week. 91% of students across New City College chose to try and improve their GCSE grade through this more formal exam process. Your behaviour and attitude were exemplary.

Remember that the marks achieved in this paper can only improve the marks you achieved in March. If you do better, it will allow us to evidence a higher centre assessed mark; if it was not a good exam for you, we will stand by your March mock as we explained before.

If you did not sit the exam earlier this week, your March mock paper will be our main source of evidence. Since everyone was notified of the May exam opportunity, we will not consider absence from this exam in any appeal. If you were unable to attend on the day due to illness, we can only consider this if we have received formal medical evidence covering the specific exam date. In any such cases we will apply the awarding body's special considerations to the centre assessed grade.

Teachers and managers are now marking and moderating the exam papers and will agree on a mark which will be submitted shortly. We are not able to share this mark with you – Ofqual do not allow this.

Remember that this final mark will be agreed by moderation panels and no single teacher or manager will have decided the mark we submit. The awarding body may then modify that mark before issuing your grade on 12th August 2021.

Your GCSE lessons have now finished. You should attend all other lessons on your timetable including any functional skills English or Maths lessons but you do not need to attend your previous GCSE slots.

Assuming no changes in COVID restrictions, you will be able to collect your results from the College on results day after 10am. We will confirm arrangements nearer the time. Results that are not collected will be posted out to learners that afternoon.

This has been a really challenging year and we are proud of how our teachers and learners have worked together to continue learning and achieve results which are fair. Whatever the outcome in the summer, we wish you well for the future and in your other studies.

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