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Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

I hope you are all well and that life is slightly less stressful now that your GCSE/A-Level/BTech evidence submission period has come to an end. I know that many of our Y11 students have been in school recently for our Sixth Form taster sessions and I would remind those of you not joining us for Sixth Form that it's important to stay in touch with your FE college to be well informed as to what is expected of you in advance of September. Similarly, I am sure many of our Y13 students are keeping in contact with universities, employers or apprenticeship providers during this period. The more you can be self-informed, the better position you will be in come September to make the very best possible start. As always, if we can help with anything, do get in touch with the relevant teacher here at school.

In relation to the Proms, I was very disappointed that we were unable to go ahead with our plans to hold both evenings at external venues. Both of these events were planned and finalised. As you will be aware, the Y13 event has been cancelled and full refunds will be taking place this week and next. We may look to planning an informal evening at next year's awards evening but we will contact you nearer the time. The Y11 event will take place in school on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. Mr Cregeen and Mrs Clarke are working very hard to pull together an evening that we all hope you will enjoy. The school dining room may not be as prestigious as The Liver Building but we will try and ensure a memorable evening nonetheless!

As indicated in previous letters, results days are earlier this year: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August for A-Level/BTech and Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> August for GCSE/BTech. Mrs Phillips and Dr Ainsworth will be in touch nearer the time with details of the days, times and arrangements. If you require your results to be emailed to you (for example if you are away) please drop Mrs Cottam an email: [ac@range.sefton.sch.uk](mailto:ac@range.sefton.sch.uk) indicating that you are happy for your results to be issued to you electronically.

As I write, the Exam Boards are currently going through all of our procedures related to evidence used to reach judgements relating to grades. They are also quality assuring all of our policies and systems to ensure the proper guidance was followed. I remind you that all of these procedures are available on our website under a dedicated tab on the front page or by going to <http://www.range.sefton.sch.uk/assessment-grading-summer-2021/>

The joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) have also published detailed guidance on grades this year as well as details relating to appeals. Again, this can be found on our website or by going to <https://www.jcq.org.uk/summer-2021-arrangements>. You will see from this guidance that grounds for appeal are very narrow but I would ask that you familiarise yourself with the procedures in advance of results days.

You will also find a FAQ document relating to appeals on our website. I can assure you that as a centre, we have followed all of the guidance and instruction to the letter. As well as this, all of the teaching staff involved have followed rigorous procedures to ensure that all grades are fair, equitable and evidence based as required.

I am hopeful that all of you will secure the grades you require to access the next, important chapter in your education, employment or training. In the unlikely event that this doesn't happen, we will work with you to support, help and advise you. Please also remember that as a last resort, you will have the option to sit the actual exam in the Autumn term if that becomes your preference. Again though, I stress, the best possible route for the vast majority will be to start the next phase of your life in college, in Sixth Form, in employment or at university. This is exactly what happened last year and I see no difference this year. Again, if you have any questions in relation to any of this, please get in touch with us at school.

In the meantime, try and enjoy your Summer break. You should use the time to recharge and get ready for that new chapter in September. Let's hope it will be a period in your lives free from all things 'Covid' and you can get on with planning your future with a renewed sense of optimism from the last two academic years.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Results Days or at the Y11 Prom.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr McGarry', with a long, sweeping underline that curves back to the left.

Mr McGarry  
Headteacher