



25 February 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of The Ladies' College

Coronavirus Parent Survey - Lockdown 2 (from 23 January 2021)

As mentioned in last week's letter to parents, dated 19 February 2021, today's correspondence is brief as we are currently working on outline plans to be ready for our return to College as soon as we are able.

It would be helpful to us if you were able to complete the attached questionnaire **by no later than close of Sunday 9 March 2021**. This will allow us to assimilate feedback and consider any further actions for this period of lockdown should it continue into future weeks. It will also help to inform our thinking should there be a need to reintroduce remote learning in the future. You can access the questionnaire here: <http://bit.ly/3bsSTL6>

A-level and IGCSE teacher assessed grades

Ofqual have announced the outcome of their consultation about how to proceed with the summer series of GCSE and A-level assessments following the cancellation of the examination series. The Ladies' College feels that their views and opinions were considered, and the outcome very much reflects the response submitted by the College. Teachers' professional judgement, with scrutiny of the evidence for fairness and the ability of a student to appeal their results, were the key outcomes that we had hoped for. (Please note that this consultation was about GCSEs and we await confirmation about our IGCSE subjects).

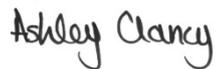
During lockdown (and since September 2020) it has been business at the College as near to normal as has been feasible. We are confident that our students will be able to achieve their best and that their results will be fully deserved. We are incredibly proud of our students and our teachers and operational colleagues, who work so hard and have been incredible in the support they have offered, particularly during the recent lockdown.

We will now review our internal processes to agree teacher grades and a timeline to ensure that students have the opportunity to complete their mock examinations, which were postponed in lockdown, and identify other evidence of their knowledge, understanding and their skills. GCSE and A-level examination results are an important thread of the golden strand of education here and we are confident and grateful that the professional judgement of teachers is acknowledged, to ensure that we can support our students to be the best that they can be. A-level results will be available earlier than the norm, on 10 August 2021 and GCSE on 12 August 2021.

With thanks for your support, encouragement and the thanks expressed for colleagues who are working hard to continue to provide a structured, meaningful, and manageable experience for your child/ren. Feedback I have received from everyone engaging with our pupils and students is that they have been incredibly impressed with their resolve, their determination, their patience, and support when IT does not quite work, and their understanding also of the challenges we are facing. Lots of great teamwork, good communication, all underpinned by kindness.

Stay safe, stay well, stay in touch.

Yours sincerely



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Principal