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Dear parents and students,

Congratulations...

We would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on their successes in this summer's GCSE and Vocational qualification results. This cohort of students have faced great adversity at a key phase of their education, which should make them even more proud of their achievements. We would also like to thank the staff and parents that have supported our young people throughout their time at Campsmount – their input is invaluable.

It is no surprise that **students who attended Campsmount regularly, made good progress**. Indeed, Year 11 students with **attendance of 90% or higher achieved beyond what the government would expect them to**. Of these students, **77% attained a grade 4+ in English and Maths** and **45% achieved a 5+** (these percentages are higher than the whole cohort national average). These students are the students who took the opportunity to benefit from the high quality teaching and learning that we offer - every lesson, every day - as well as the support offered by staff through the comprehensive programme of interventions.

Whilst we celebrate the achievement of all our students, we would like to highlight the exceptional attainment of Kizzy Robinson, Jessica Crick and Fynley Deere, who each achieved grades 8 or 9 in eight different GCSE subjects, as well as a Distinction* vocational grade.

Fundamentally, the outcomes received by students today will enable them to progress to their next steps in education, employment or training. We see our students moving on to develop their knowledge and skills further at sixth form and college, studying a wide range of courses. And equally impressive are those students pursuing an apprenticeship in a variety of key employment sectors. It is also important to highlight the wider achievements of this cohort of students. 16 students have completed their DofE bronze and silver awards and 8 students are currently working towards their gold award. It is also great to see so many of our Year 11 students volunteering in the community this summer as part of the NCS programme.

The Campsmount community are very proud of everyone's achievements and would like to wish all our fantastic students the success they deserve in the future

First formal results in three years

Much like the sixth form results last week, today is the first GCSE results release following formal examinations for three years and I just wanted to say thank you for the collective Campsmount effort in getting our students what they deserve - the skills and currency to make a positive step in their journey.

As students receive their results we know that there may be many questions, especially since there are conflicting new reports and articles out there.

We have always known that this year was a 'transition year' between 2021 (when assessment was done directly by the school) and 2019 (the last year exams took place). This means that overall grades are between the two nationally.



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It does not mean that marking and examiners were harsher – the marking was done by the exam boards in the usual way. Instead, it means that when setting the grade boundaries, exam boards have been more generous than the normal year (like 2019), to bring grades closer to 2021 levels.

Finally

Finally and once again, congratulations and remember that as a Campsmount student you are more than a grade. The resilience you have shown under such conditions is remarkable. You are all exceptional, inspiring and talented young people, and we could not be prouder.

Kind regards,

Mr Ian Midgley
Principal