

28 May 2021

Dear Student,

I am sure that it will be a relief to have completed the assessments that will be used to form the evidence for your A Level grades. This marks the end of your time at Elliott Hudson College, although in a way that none of us could have anticipated two years ago. It is with mixed emotions that I write my final letter to you. On the one hand I hope that you are excited about the future that awaits and the opportunities ahead, on the other I am mindful of the significant disruption you have faced over the last two years.

Nobody could have envisaged the challenges ahead when you started with us in September 2019. It is to all of your credit that you have adapted to these challenges so well. I have been impressed with your fortitude, good nature and willingness to embrace changes that until very recently would have seemed unbelievable. You are learning, at a young age, just how unpredictable life can sometimes be. I am reminded of a quote from Charles Darwin 'It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It is the one most adaptable to change'. Into a very changeable world you head, I wish you all the very best and remember that all at the college will be here to offer you support should you require it in the coming years.

With this in mind, the Alliance Team and MindMate Support Team will continue to be available to provide well-being support over the next half term. Please continue to contact the Alliance Team either directly or through studentsupport@elliottthudsoncollege.ac.uk. I would also recommend that you follow studentsofahc on Instagram where you will find lots of great tips and links to well-being resources.

For students seeking apprenticeship and employment, application support sessions with our careers advisors are taking place from 7 June. Please refer to your invitation for your allocated session. If you need any further advice, the careers team will work with you on all aspects of your next steps. Following results day, the careers team continue to support students to ensure that they are successful and are able to offer one to one sessions until we break up in July and when college opens again in the autumn term. If you decide to apply to university for September 2022, the careers team will support you in your application, just contact the careers team or your Head of Alliance. It is important that we know the destination of all of our students. If you have secured employment, an apprenticeship or further training we would be grateful for any information, which will help us to keep our records accurate. Please email careers@elliottthudsoncollege.ac.uk.

A Level Results Day

This will be on Tuesday 10 August. Timings and arrangements for the day will be emailed to you within the next few weeks. We would strongly advise coming into college to collect your results in person as you may need advice and support with your destination decisions, or you may want to reconsider your options. Careers staff will be available to discuss all your choices with you. A final reminder that if you feel you have been disadvantaged at any point within the assessment process, clear guidance about what to do is outlined within the Appeals and Representations Policy which can be found on the college website: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hZD37IONR5Ubp0gCQeK7-WigVsE-hsP/view>

Finally, I hope you have all saved the date for the Year 13 Celebration event that is taking place on Wednesday 7 July. Further details of the event along with your electronic ticket will be emailed to you in due course.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on this date.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Holtham
Executive Principal: Post 16 Education