



**PEMBROKE**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware in response to Covid-19 the summer 2020 examinations have been cancelled. The Government has assured us that pupils will receive the qualifications that they have been studying toward and have issued some guidance as to how actual grades will be assigned.

In the summer of 2020 pupils will be awarded 'calculated grades'. These will be formal grades, with the same status as grades awarded in any other year.

As part of the process to calculate these grades, the academy will be asked to submit "The most likely grade the students would have achieved if they had sat their exams this summer". Once these grades have been submitted, exam boards will carry out a process, being developed with Ofqual, to standardise grades across all schools. This means that the grades that we submit may not be the final grades that students receive.

If a student does not believe the correct process has been followed in their case, they will be able to appeal on that basis. In addition, if they do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance, they will have the opportunity to sit an exam, as soon as is reasonably possible after schools and colleges open again. Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021. We shall continue to provide our pupils with resources to help enable them to continue to follow the curriculum of each subject that they are studying through the SharePoint forum.

We will endeavour to make the process for selecting the grades as fair as is possible and in doing so we will use all evidence available to us. This will include student class work, any coursework whether complete or not and mock examinations. We will of course factor in the progress that would have been made between now and the intended exam period through the hard work and dedication that we know our students would have put in.

In addition to this, we have been advised not to ask students to do any more to coursework. We have also been notified that we are not permitted to inform students or parents of the grades that are submitted. Attached with this letter is a letter to students from Sally Collier, the Chief Regulator at Ofqual, further explaining the process. Over the last two weeks we have received emails from Lincoln College, Riseholme College (Bishop Burton) and Access Creative College regarding student applications. All three have been very reassuring and made it clear they completely understand the unique circumstances our students are in this year. We are awaiting further details from local Sixth Forms and will pass on any information we have as soon as it becomes available. Any students who have only applied for apprenticeship positions and **do not** have a college or sixth form application as a back up plan at this stage should email Mrs Doughty: [adoughty@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:adoughty@prioryacademies.co.uk) as soon as possible please. Key information from each of the named colleges is below.

**Lincoln College:**

*There is a lot of uncertainty around at the moment, particularly in relation to education, so we wanted to make sure that all Lincoln College applicants don't have any anxiety about their prospects.*

*As you know we are unable to hold Open Days at the moment. We are also unable to hold Welcome Days, where people who have applied have a taster lesson and an interview with a tutor, who decides whether to make an offer of a place or not.*

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*We have no choice but to bypass these events, so **we have decided to make all applicants an automatic conditional offer of a place at the College.***

*Students' conditions will relate to the GCSE entry requirement grades of their chosen course and an interview when social distancing rules are relaxed. When possible, we will invite applicants in for a Future Freedom event where they'll get to meet their tutor and look around the College.*

*Students who don't achieve the entry requirement grades for their course don't need to worry, we'll simply start the student on a lower level, or alternative course and they can progress up, or transfer the following year.*

**Riseholme College:**

*Our entry requirements will in essence remain the same, however, we will be flexible in our approach and allow some movement of students between course levels during the first 6 weeks based on our own initial assessments. Given recent developments, we will assess every student application on individual merit and circumstances, and we will seek to ensure no student is disadvantaged because of the extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in.*

*We want to reassure your students that we are honouring any offers that have been made.*

*If your students have any questions regarding their application they can contact our admissions team [admissions@bishopburton.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@bishopburton.ac.uk) or for any other questions please contact our student services team [enquiries@riseholme.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@riseholme.ac.uk). We also have a live chat function on our website between 9am-4pm Monday – Friday.*

*Students who have accepted a place will be sent a 'Joining instructions' email over the next few months which will contain all the information they will need to enrol such as what reading materials are needed, clothing if required, transport etc. Please make sure our admissions team have an up to date student email address.*

**Access:**

*Access Creative College (Lincoln) will look at all existing offers of college places in a sympathetic manner, and in accordance with current guidelines. If anyone is concerned, we will assess each case individually. We will take into consideration all recent issues regarding Covid-19, and the effect that it has had on the students' education. Any queries please email Vince Ramsey: [vincent.ramsey@accesscreative.ac.uk](mailto:vincent.ramsey@accesscreative.ac.uk) "*

Yours Faithfully

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