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Dear Parents

After a week of high drama I am very pleased that we have been able to celebrate with Upper V girls today as they received well deserved results. I have no doubt that you have been following the news on this - suffice to say the decision to uphold Centre Assessed Grades or any uplift applied by the now famous algorithm was a great relief to all. Centre Assessed Grades were arrived at after meticulous meetings, analyses, projections based on a wide range of data and, of course, our incredibly personalised knowledge of girls. We provide grades every year for what remains of coursework in a range of subjects and so a process of teacher expertise, tested by governors, was something we welcomed. Year on year we have seen the quality of examining become more variable and results' days across the country can easily become eclipsed by scrutiny of subjects where a rogue marker has inflicted something bizarre or where students are sufficiently on grade boundaries to warrant re-marks. In short, there was a lot to be said, in these times, for the Centre Assessed method of arriving at results. We were ready for inspectors to check that we have been scrupulously fair and that we had evidence to back our decisions.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I write with wonderful news of girls' achievements.

Two of our outstanding girls have achieved Grade 9s across the board in all of their ten subjects. Congratulations to Siya Sehgal and Anna Woodbridge, who are this year's recipients of the Mary Tredway Award. Named after our Foundress, this scholarship for Sixth Formers celebrates the love of learning and the rich educational life of St Augustine's Priory.

The results from St Augustine's Priory are extremely impressive with 76.5% of our results being Grades 9 – 7, which is A*-A in the old currency. 54.8% of our results are Grade 9-8 (A*). Many congratulations to all our girls on their wonderful achievements. While we rightly celebrate with girls who have earned the top grades, we also rejoice with all girls who have exceeded expectations at every level. Every grade is well deserved.

Girls who achieved a combination of the highest grades 9 and 8 are Sennen Powell, Tanita Jose, Romy Katkhuda, Lucia Orsi, Mollie Burrage, Eliezer Elliott, Marianne Flynn and Isabel Bathula. In addition, we also celebrate those girls who achieved grades 9 – 7 in all of their subjects: Alana Vora, Lucy Phillips, Isabella Richardson, Dilichi Dieobi, Amina Radi, Melissa Ghapantsyan, Joanna Doran, Olivia Barnard, Trinny Dobson, Emily Gharabegi, Liliana Pastuszek, Isabel Upcraft and Indya Malhan.

We are enormously proud of all the girls. My thanks and congratulations to the teaching staff for their constant pursuit of the best educational opportunities for our girls. Miss Masih was in her first year as Examinations Officer (what a baptism of fire!) and her perspicacious, painstaking and meticulous approach has helped us tremendously. Finally, I would particularly like to thank Mrs Macallister for her extraordinary leadership throughout this time. Her expertise, experience and forensic eye, as well as her unswerving integrity have made all the difference.

Yours sincerely,



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