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PRENDERGAST - Hilly Fields College
Specialist School in Languages & Music,
Maths & Computing

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Dear Students and Parents,

I am writing to inform you of some details from Ofqual concerning the A* score which will be awarded at A Level for the first time in August 2010.

The A* grade will be awarded for the A level grade only; not for the AS qualification. Those students who achieve an A grade overall in their A level and gain 90% of the UMS mark on the aggregate of their A2 units will gain the A*. Some students might not achieve an A* grade even though they will have higher total UMS scores. This could arise because the total is reached by adding together both AS and A2 scores. The A* is based primarily upon a student's performance in the A2 modules.

The percentage of A* grades is likely to vary from subject to subject, as does the percentage of A grades awarded each year. The new grade will not be awarded to a set percentage of candidates. I hope that this is clear and I look forward to seeing all students when they come into school to receive their results on Thursday 19th August.

Yours sincerely

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