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Dear Applicant

I write to reassure you about your place at City College Southampton next year and to tell you about what will happen next.

The Government and the exams regulator, Ofqual, are deciding on the fairest and most accurate way of awarding grades for GCSEs to reflect your performance at school, so that you are able to move on to college. This is a national process to ensure that everyone your age is treated fairly and recognised for all the hard work you have done throughout your school career. We recognise that this change is a very big one for you and might be worrying for you. I want to emphasise that you don't need to worry, we will use the grades given to confirm your place on your course, in the same way that we use exam results, but we think we will need to be more flexible than usual due to the unusual circumstances.

Once the process and timing for giving GCSE grades has been decided we will be able to update you on when you will come into college to confirm your place for next year (this normally happens at the end of August). As you know we have a June Welcome Event in the calendar, we will review nearer the time if it is possible to go ahead with this safely and we will let you know what is happening.

Please tell us of any changes to your contact details (email, phone number or address) over the next few months so that we can keep in touch with you during this important time. If you have any questions, please email admissions@southampton-city.ac.uk.

During this difficult time please look after yourselves and your families and I look forward to welcoming you to City College in the autumn.

Best wishes

Sarah

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