



Dear Parents

Year 11 Results Day – Thursday 20th August

I wrote earlier this week about how the current situation regarding exam outcomes this year has changed and continues to change rapidly. Nationally, the events of this week have introduced yet more challenge to what is an already anxious time. With this in mind, we have updated how we will run our GCSE results day this year in order that we can support you fully as you receive your results and progress onto the next stage of your education or training.

What will happen this Thursday?

To ensure we keep everyone safe we will still need to limit the number of people on site. You have had a time and it is very important that you arrive at this designated time.

However, should your child want you as their parents to accompany you to receive the results, we will be able to accommodate this, providing that

- A mask is worn by parents
- A temperature check taken on site gives a 'normal' result
- Parents are able to answer questions about their health and holiday destinations (from a quarantine point of view) satisfactorily
- Parents stay in the 'bubble' allocated (the time slot given to each child) and all who are on site adhere to social distancing and other Covid prevention measures
- Up to two parents may accompany their child

Where will we go?

- There will be a one-way system in place; **you will enter the site through pond-side** and come around the back of the sports hall, where you will enter the sports hall.
- You will have your temperature checked before making your way onto site and be asked about your health. Your parents will be asked about holiday destinations and asked to put their mask on.
- You will receive your results in the sports hall and will then go down the sports hall corridor towards the gym for your progression interview with a member of our team.
- We will try to ensure that time-slots are adhered to, however nobody will be able to enter the sports hall unless the previous 'bubble' of 15 pupils and any parents have left it
- Exit from this will be from the far door in the gym and then through the gate to the side of the gym.
- Photographs for 6th form will be taken in the Arts Theatre.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of our Year 11 students this Thursday. I have included the 'frequently asked questions' section that was included in the original letter on the pages following.

Kind regards

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What process has the school gone through?

Submitting Centre Assessed Grades was a task that involved great care and lots of time was taken to ensure that we considered, in line with Government guidelines, **a range of evidence** to arrive at a Centre Assessed Grade (CAG). We will not know what the regulator will do with these grades; we do not know whether they will change or by how much. That part is completely out of our hands.

What is the 'standardisation process' that happens?

Precise details of the 'statistical model' have not been released. However, we do know that previous national results in the subject, school results over recent years and the prior attainment of our students is taken into account. **A useful infographic of the process is given below:**



Process for awarding GCSEs, AS and A levels summer 2020

Step 1 - School or college considers and submits centre assessment grade and rank order information

For each student for each subject

Centre assessment grade based on evidence of performance

For example
A level geography



- Any non-exam assessment work
- Classwork
- Homework
- Mock exams
- Other relevant evidence

Position in rank order of students on that grade

Grade A



Grade B



Step 2 - Exam boards standardise grades using statistical model developed with Ofqual

For each subject



Statistical standardisation

What results might the school or college be most likely to achieve given the following?

- previous national results in the subject
- the prior attainment of its students this year compared to previous years
- the school or college results in recent years



Centre assessment grade	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B
Rank order	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4

If grades are generous, adjust grades down

Calculated grade	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
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If grades are severe, adjust grades up

Calculated grade	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B
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What do I do if I cannot attend in person on Thursday?

You need to complete the form that is attached to this message – ‘results collection permission form’ which needs to be in school before the end of Monday 17th August. Only the person named on this form will be able to collect results, and only if they bring relevant identification with them.

What support will be available for me on Thursday?

We will be on hand to congratulate you and to advise you on your next steps. We’ll be able to review your options and advise you on the route to take in 6th form. You can enrol into 6th form. If your results are not what you are hoping for, we will be available to discuss your options with you and support you on the next steps of your journey.

Further information

Ofqual have written to parents of students who will be collecting results and I would encourage you to read this.

<https://edu15.sprintsend.co.uk/b1/ed.php?SID=2398954&C=cbaf6dc984622199e0cb6d02750b8227&S=250&LID=117&STATID=100>

Several other publications have been released over the past few days. The whole process is described on the attached document from Ofqual

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907493/Student_Guide_Summer_2020_6.8.2020_12.30.pdf

and there is also a short film you can watch to explain the process.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=fRTyGmUJlIrw&feature=youtu.be>

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