

Dear Parent and Student

GCSE Examination Results Day - Thursday 20 August 2020

Following my letter of 16 July, I am writing with an update regarding GCSE Exam Results.

The Results Process

This summer, students will receive a calculated grade from the exam board for all the qualifications they were entered for. Ofqual have produced a [Student Guide](#) which provides information for students and parents regarding:

- The process used to provide the final calculated grade.
- What do if you are unhappy with your grade.
- The appeals process – who can appeal and the basis for appeals
- The Autumn exam series for students who wish to resit

Even though grades have been awarded differently this year, they will look exactly the same as any other year on the results slips and your certificates. Your result will be your final calculated grade - this may not be the same as the centre assessment grade submitted by the school, because it will have been standardised by the exam board.

Arrangements for collection of results

Year 11 students into school are invited into school to collect their exam results in person on Thursday 20 August.

We have created appointment slots for students based on their surname, so that we can limit the number of students on site at any one time. Students should arrive promptly for their stated collection time, but not more than 5 minutes before this time.

Surname beginning with	Collection time
A to B	8.30am
C to D	9.00am
E to H	9.30am
I to N	10.00 am
O to S	10.30 am
T to Z	11.00 am

Once the results have been collected, all students will be directed to a member of staff who will support them with confirming their next steps.

All students who have applied to our Sixth Form (NE6) will have received an invitation to an appointment on Enrolment Day Friday 21st August to officially enrol on their courses and discuss any questions they may have. We also have a few

spare appointments that can be booked on Thursday should your child decide they would like to consider NE6 as their next step in education.

On Results Day

In order to ensure the safety of staff and students coming into school we will be following DFE guidance on results day which states:

“Schools, FE colleges and other skills providers planning to open their doors to pupils and students on results day should continue to follow the hierarchy of controls they have used over the summer term.” This means:

- ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school to collect results
- cleaning hands more often than usual
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
- minimising contact and mixing as far as possible and observing government guidelines on social distancing.

Students are asked to attend school individually. On arrival at school, students may be asked to queue for a short time before entering the building. Students will be asked to sanitise their hands as they enter the building.

We ask that all students always remember to maintain an appropriate distance from other students and staff whilst they are in the building.

We would also ask that students and parents should follow Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers when planning their travel to school and should walk or cycle where possible.

For parents and carers, we would ask that that you do not gather at entrance gates or doors or enter the site (unless you have a pre-arranged appointment).

Requesting Centre Assessment Grades

Schools and colleges are not allowed to tell you your centre assessment grade before results days. However, where individual students request them, the centre assessment grades will be made available from Monday 24 August 2020.

It is important to remember though, that the calculated grade on your results slip is the grade that counts, as this is the standardised grade which has been awarded by the exam board.

School Email Accounts

Due to the current situation, we have kept students’ school email accounts active until exam results have been collected in August. This means that we will still be able to communicate with students as needed, and likewise, students are still welcome to get in touch with us if they have any questions or require any support. Email notifications should be kept switched on, and email should be checked regularly for

updates. School email accounts will be closed on 21 August, so please make sure any requests or queries are made before this date if you wish to use your school email.

A Final Message for Year 11

I appreciate it has been a strange and difficult end to your time in school – certainly not one that any of us could have anticipated. You have all shown great resilience and determination in adapting to the current circumstances, and these skills will stand you in great stead for the rest of your lives. I wish you all the best of luck in the future.

Yours sincerely



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