

13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Year 11 Students and Parents / Carers,

As the summer term ends, we have received more information and guidance regarding this year's results day. It has also been announced that an exam series in the autumn term will go ahead for students who may wish to sit an exam (2<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020).

This year, the GCSE results' day is still going ahead on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020**.

However, this will look different from previous years due to the current climate, as we must consider social distancing guidelines set by the Government, especially when hosting such an important day.

To maintain all safety measures, we are implementing the following:

- Exam results' envelopes will be available **between 9.00 -10.30am only**, on the day. They will be prepared, so that you can collect yours without a member of staff having to pass it to you.
- We will ask that you sign a form to confirm that you have collected your exam results, so please bring a pen (this will avoid sharing).
- **Parents are not allowed on the school site** and we ask that parents stay in cars please.
- Exam results' envelopes will be found in three different venues (Library / Main Hall and M10). You will find out where you should go, when you arrive at school; this will prevent too many people gathering at once, in any given venue.
- Mr Smith, Mrs Parsons and myself will be the only three members of staff handing out envelopes; there will be no other available members of staff, on the day.
- Once you have collected your envelope, we ask that you return to your car (or walk home calmly) without gathering in groups, outside of school.
- For obvious reasons, we are not allowing students to collect a friend's results, on their behalf.

We realise that a few of you may be anxious to discuss results, especially if you have issues relating to post-16 offers that may be denied. To that extent, Mr Smith and I will offer urgent appointments between 12.00 and 4pm on the same day (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August). You will be able to request an appointment by emailing the school office, on the day, between 10.45 and 2.30pm. The emails will be responded to quickly with a confirmed time, for that day. Should we need to, we will also offer appointments on Friday morning.

I thought I would remind you of some key points, so that you are aware that, this year, there is no appeals process per se, unless we suspect that there has been a clerical error. I attach a simple reminder from OCR, which highlights how results have been awarded this year. It is also important to remember the following:

- As a group of teachers and Senior Leaders we have awarded students' grades with absolute integrity, following meticulously all the DfE guidance given to us (please see link below for the guidance all schools followed):  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020?utm\\_source=d631d694-40d4-45b0-924e-620d1581dcf7&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020?utm_source=d631d694-40d4-45b0-924e-620d1581dcf7&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)
- All students were discussed individually and robust evidence for awarding each grade was taken into account (assessments / depths tests / mocks / homework / engagement) up until our March closure.
- Predictions were made, checked and adjusted several times, in line with guidance about review and moderation within subjects. This process took several weeks and students' grades were also ranked, as per DfE request.
- As a Trust we checked and agreed our procedures with other secondary schools and Principals met to review and agree decisions and timeline.
- Once submitted, OfQUAL made it very clear that students' grades would be reviewed using three key criteria:
  1. Previous national data in the given subject
  2. Prior attainment of Year 11 students (e.g. their Key Stage 2 starting points)
  3. JoG's previous 3 years of data

Parents and students need to understand that this year is simply very different. We know that some of you will be disappointed not to see your teachers on results' day but your safety comes first.

I look forward to seeing you on 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Yours Sincerely,



**Mrs C Walker**  
**Vice Principal**

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