

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Thursday 20th August, 2020 – Year 11 Results Day

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. We are writing to inform you of our plans for the Year 11 results day in August.

Firstly, let me say how incredibly proud we are of all our examination students. We were all extremely shocked to be informed of the cancellation of exams back in March and we are sure that our students felt robbed of the opportunity to experience this formal rite of passage at the end of their school experience with us. We are still hopeful that we can plan a more formal ending to Year 11 when it is safe to do so, but currently we are still restricted by the government guidance in relation to such events and social distancing so cannot commit to any definite plans while there is so much uncertainty.

As I am sure you will appreciate, we have had to give much thought and careful planning to results days this year and have had to think carefully about how we can safely issue results in line with the government guidance. Results days usually have three aims in mind: providing an opportunity for students and staff to gather together and celebrate success; physically collecting the results envelope; and providing guidance and support in relation to next steps for the students who need it.

Under the current guidance, gathering together is not possible. We have also been instructed to release results to all students at 8am. In order to be Covid-safe we would need to stagger collection of envelopes and we feel this would place students with later time slots at a disadvantage when it comes to exploring and securing their post-16 places which may fill up quickly on results day. Therefore, we feel the only safe and fair way to issue the results will be digitally. We will not be asking students to come into school to collect their envelopes as we would normally have done. Our priority has to be keeping our students and staff safe, while ensuring all students have fair access to their desired next steps. We plan to release the results as a linked document directly to INSIGHT at 8am on Thursday 20th August 2020 in the same way we provide our normal reports. Access to insight will be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 18th to 8am on Thursday 20th. If you are unable to access INSIGHT for any reason, please inform the IT Helpdesk as soon as possible so we can resolve the issue before the 20th August.

We do, however, wish to provide students with the opportunity to access the face to face support and guidance if they need to confirm their sixth form place with us or need help with finalizing their next steps. Therefore, we will email students a link to book a meeting slot with a senior member of staff using our parent interview booking system. Meetings will start from 10am that day and can take place on site at 2m social distance, or online through Microsoft Teams. Students who have secured a sixth form or college place elsewhere will not be required to attend a meeting.

Our hope remains that we can all gather together in the future and I would ask your son/daughter to provide us with a private email address to allow us to continue our communication with them after their school email address expires on 1st October 2020. Please do so using the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6t6UB9_lwtePm-HnwUVvqCGq0s6-6J0snuRXT6U-Pu1X1g/viewform?usp=sf_link . We will also provide a safe and suitable opportunity for collection of envelopes at a later date.

As ever, thank you for your continued support. Take care and stay safe.



Matt Lillie
Head of School

You may wish to revisit the Ofqual guidance for GCSE subjects here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/897425/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_and_A_level_Extended_Project_Qualification_and_Advanced_Extension_Award_in_maths_020720.pdf

Ofqual guidance for vocational subjects here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/892821/Guidance_Summer_2020_results_for_vocational_technical_and_other_qualifications_22MAY2020.pdf