

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Thursday 13th August 2020 - Post-16 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 Post-16 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 13 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.

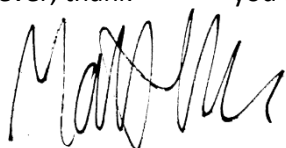
As I am sure you will appreciate, we have had to give much thought and careful planning to results days this year and have had to think carefully about how we can safely issue results in line with the government guidance. Results days usually have three aims in mind: providing an opportunity for students 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 clearing places and accessing other courses available to them. These options 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 13th August 2020, in the same way we provide our normal reports. Access to insight will be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11th to 8am on Thursday 13th. If you are currently unable to access INSIGHT for any reason, please inform the IT Helpdesk as soon as possible so we can resolve the issue before the 13th August.

We do, however, wish to provide students with the opportunity to access the face to face support and guidance if they need help with finalising their next steps. Therefore, we plan to send out appointments to all students who we feel will benefit from a 121-support meeting. This will take place on the Thursday 13th August. This meeting can take place on site at 2m social distance, or online through Microsoft Teams. The email will be sent to your school email account, if you have any issues accessing this account please contact the IT Helpdesk in advance of this date. Students who have secured a university place will not be required to attend a meeting.

Our hope remains that we can all gather together in the future. 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 link here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjtn0sSCNjgJFu-1kIi6PzGYIRJX7wwaCZKEUXys1eKFJw/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 A-Level 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

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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