

Dear Student and Parent/ Carer,

GCSE Results day Thursday 20 August: Update

Next Thursday, 20 August, school will be open from 9 am – 11 am for our departing Year 11 students to collect their GCSE results in person. Students will receive a Statement of Results for all their GCSE subjects, with the awarding bodies making the formal GCSE certificates available for collection in early December.

Any individuals with Covid-19 symptoms, or who have someone in their household with symptoms, must not attend school and alternative arrangements for accessing GCSE results will be made. Unless written confirmation giving an individual student's permission has been received, the school are only able to share GCSE results directly with the named students themselves.

Arrangements for the collection of GCSE results will necessarily be different to those of previous years and to support the well-being of all our community, we will be continuing with the risk-minimising controls in place from the Trinity term. Parent/ carers are very welcome to accompany their son/ daughter to collect their GCSE results but are reminded that there should not be any gathering at entrance gates or doors.

Results will be collected from the hall, which will be operating a one-way system with entry through the front hall doors and exit by the restaurant. Social distancing will be observed and numbers monitored to ensure the hall remains within an appropriate capacity. We respectfully request that all students and family members entering the hall make use of the hand sanitiser provided before doing so and visitors are encouraged to make use of the adjacent outdoor areas.

Given the unique systems in place this year for the awarding of GCSE grades, the appeals process also differs from previous years. There will remain the opportunity to appeal results and full details of these processes will be available on results day.

Members of the school's Extended Leadership Team will be available on Thursday morning should students wish to discuss their results or post-16 options. Additionally, the National Careers Service will be delivering the Exam Results Helpline during August this year. Young people or their parent/ carers can contact the helpline on 0800 100 900 to speak to a professionally qualified careers adviser if they need advice on their next steps. The helpline will be open from 8 am to 10 pm from Thursday 13 August until Friday 28 August. After these dates, young people will be able to access on-going support from the National Careers Service at any time by calling 0800 100 900, visiting the [National Careers Service website](#) or searching for the National Careers Service on Facebook and Twitter.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 20 August.

Yours faithfully,

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