

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you and your family are well. We wanted to share with you the arrangements for the collection of GCSE results.

Thursday 20 August – Results day for GCSE and Vocational subjects 2020

Students will be expected to come in at a specific time slot (see below) and we would ask that they adhere to this time slot so that we can continue to observe safe social distancing measures.

Furthermore, we would ask if parents accompany students, that they wait outside the premises to avoid excessive numbers in the building at any time.

Process for awarding grades

As you will know, students have not sat their final examinations for qualifications this year due to the closure of schools following the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, their awarded grades this year have been based on several criteria:

- 1) Centre assessed grades given by schools to exam boards
- 2) Prior national external assessment performance of all students (relating to the national assessments they took in the final year of primary school)
- 3) Historical examination performance of schools

Grades have been standardised by examination boards according to these criteria.

Students not content with their awarded grades

In the event that students are not satisfied with their awarded grade, they will have the opportunity to take the examinations for any GCSE subject during the autumn exam period that will begin on 2 November and run until 23 November. The deadline for entry for the majority of GCSE examinations is 18 September, the deadline for Mathematics and English Language GCSE examinations is 4 October. The College will facilitate students sitting these examinations which will be marked by the examination boards and results released in January/February time. The higher of two grades (the awarded grade from this summer and the achieved grade in the autumn examinations) will then be counted. Students and parents will need to consider the implications of this timescale on their next steps and the College can offer advice where necessary.

If the College believes errors have been made in the process of standardisation by the exam board, it will appeal on behalf of the students.

The full guidance on whole of this year's process can be found <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>.

Support on results day

As per normal, senior members of staff will be available to support students on results day and provide advice on next steps.

Information for students wishing to join our Sixth Form

Students who wish to take up their conditional offer for sixth form education here will need to 'sign up' for their courses before they leave College on results day. This is completed using a blue sign-up card which will be found in their results envelope. If students have met *all* of the entry requirements for *all* of their courses that they hold an offer for, they will need to proceed to the sign-up desks immediately after they have collected their results. **Once completed, their blue card sign-up card**

must be returned to the sixth form team before they leave College, even if they have decided not to take up their place here.

If students have not met *all* of the entry requirements for *all* of the courses they were offered, they will not have their sign-up card in their envelope. Students will need to meet with a member of the Sixth Form team who will have their card and will be able to offer assistance with the alternative options that will be available to them. If students have not met the general entry requirements and/or other specific criteria for each subject, and we are not able to provide any courses for which they have the necessary grades, they will unfortunately not be able to progress onto Sixth Form education at Landau Forte College. However, a member of the Executive team and/or our Careers Advisor will be available to support students with their next steps.

We are only too aware at the College of how difficult this year has been for students and parents. We were so disappointed that students were not able to complete their time with us and take their examinations that they were working so hard towards. We had absolute confidence that our Year 11 students would have produced our best results yet, we are incredibly proud of this year group and it has been a pleasure to work with them. Nothing should detract from the huge efforts that students, staff and parents had put in over many years to secure the best grades possible and despite the pandemic, the grades that the students will take away carry absolutely the same worth as grades achieved by students in any other year. We wish everyone success in whatever next steps are and look forward to seeing you all again in August.

With kindest regards,

Alison Brannick

Principal

Timeslots to arrive – In order to maintain safe social distancing, please only arrive at the specific timeslot. Students will be asked to vacate the building after receiving their results

Thursday 20th August

Surname	Time to receive results	Surname	Time to receive results
A - C	8.00am	R - W	10.00 am
D - H	8.30am		
I - L	9.00 am		
M - Q	9.30 am		