

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

### **Thursday 13 August - Results day for A Levels, AS Levels, and Vocational subjects 2020**

The arrangements for students collecting their results this year will be as follows:

**Students will be expected to attend 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 their previous GCSE performance)
- 3) Historical examination performance of schools

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

### **Information for 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 subject during the autumn exam series that will run from 5 October until 23 October when exam boards will offer an examination window for this specific purpose. The deadline for examination entries is 4 September. 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.

We are only too aware 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 13 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

families 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 13 August**

Surname	Time to receive results	Surname	Time to receive results
A - G	8.30 am	S - Z	10.00 am
H-L	9.00 am		
M - R	9.30 am		

**Year 12 students to receive their AS results at 10.30am**