

10th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer and Student

GCSE and vocational qualification results in 2021 fact sheet

It has been brilliant to welcome back all of our students, especially our Year 11 students to enable them to finish their courses and support them in preparing for their next steps into their post-16 choices.

Thank you for your on-going support and encouraging your child to attend our online live lessons during the past 8 weeks.

The following is a short summary explaining how year 11 students will achieve, and be awarded, their qualifications this summer.

What's happening?

- Exams are cancelled this summer for GCSEs, AS-Levels and A-Levels, as well as some vocational qualifications such as BTECs.
- Instead of exams, students will receive grades based on assessments by their teachers. Teacher-assessed grades will be sent to the exam board to be processed therefore, it is essential that students continue to learn, engage in their lessons and complete all work set so they have as much evidence as they can to achieve the grade they deserve.

How will teachers make judgements on grades?

- Teachers will use a range of evidence of students' work such as coursework, practice papers, assessments and classwork to inform their decisions.
- Teachers will inform students of the evidence they will use before submitting grades to the exam board. This will allow students to confirm the work is their own, and let teachers know of any mitigating circumstances that might have affected its completion.
- Teachers will only assess students based on what they have been taught in each subject area.

How will we know grades are awarded fairly?

- Our academy will have an internal quality assurance process in place that will take into consideration our results in previous years. This is to make sure teachers' judgements aren't too harsh or lenient.
- Exam boards will also have their own quality assurance process. They will check that our internal procedure is fair before they process any grades, and they might also visit our academy to review evidence from some subjects.
- We will submit a declaration to the exam board confirming that we've followed the requirements for our internal quality assurance process.

When will we get our results?

Results Day will be on **Thursday 12 August**



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What should I do now?

Ensure your child attends the academy 100% of the time until the date year 11 students can leave. We will share this date with you as soon as it has been confirmed. Encourage your child to try their best in every lesson and complete all homework to the best of their abilities, to ensure we have enough high-quality evidence so we can submit an accurate grade to the exam boards.

This week Unit 7 (3.00pm-3.40pm) has resumed to provide the additional curriculum time to cover missed content. We have included an additional evening for the Humanities subjects and a catch-up Friday session for invited students to complete coursework

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Maths	English	Humanities	Options subjects (selected students)

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Roberts – Head of School