

GCSE RESULTS SUMMER 2020

INFORMATION FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Collecting results

- Results will be issued between 9:00am and 11:00am on Thursday 20th August in the Atrium.
- You must queue outside and follow instructions to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection.
- There is no restriction on when you may arrive.
- We may need to limit the number of students in the Atrium.
- Your parents are not allowed to queue with you or to wait in the Atrium.
- We will only issue results to you personally. If you cannot attend, you must give written permission to another person to collect your results: you should complete the authorisation to collect results form, available on our [website](#).
- If you have not collected your results on 20th August we will post them second class to your home address.
- We will not issue results on the phone or by email.

Sixth form registration appointments and questions about results

- You **must** make an appointment to register for our Sixth Form.
- As we are using our Parents' Evening booking system to organise these appointments, your parents must make this appointment in advance.
- Appointments with a senior member of staff are available between 10:00am and 2:00pm.
- We will send home information about how to book in the week beginning 13th July.
- The appointment is also your opportunity to ask questions about results and you may have two other people with you.
- We cannot guarantee to see students and parents for any reason without an appointment.

How have grades been calculated?

- The school submitted centre assessed grades and ranks in June.
- Teachers worked together in each subject to agree your grades and to put all students in rank order within each grade.
- Teachers used the full range of evidence to reach fair and objective decisions about the grade you were most likely to have achieved had exams been taken as normal.
- Our centre assessed grades have been through a statistical moderation process set out by the qualifications regulator Ofqual and implemented by the exam boards.
- This process took account of our excellent GCSE results in the last two years and the progress our students have typically made over that time.
- The exam boards have also ensured that results at a national level this year are comparable with those in previous years in order to ensure that students receiving grades this year are neither advantaged nor disadvantaged.
- The grades we issue on results days will be referred to as calculated grades.
- However, once you have been given your grades, they have the same status as those issued in any other year.

Can I ask for more information?

- You may request your centre assessed grade and rank in any subject.
- A request for this information should be submitted on the form available on the results page of our website.
- We will not routinely issue this information, because we do not expect the information to be useful to most of you.
- Your parents do not have the right to ask for this information.

Can I appeal against my grades?

- The simple answer is no.
- You have no right of appeal against centre assessed grades or ranks.
- You can ask us to check whether we made a mistake and submitted the wrong centre assessed grade and rank to the exam board.
- However, we checked data carefully as we submitted it, and there are unlikely to be grounds to make such a request.
- You might ask us to check, if, for example, we had consistently predicted you a grade 7 in a particular subject and the calculated grade you get is much lower.
- If you have evidence of bias against you or that you were discriminated against, you can raise a complaint with the school. You must give us evidence, or we will not consider a complaint. You could pass on such evidence to an exam board directly.
- If you want to make a complaint, you should use the form available on the results page of our website.

Can I resit exams?

- If you are unhappy with your grade, you may “resit” exams in the autumn 2020 exam series.
- We advise you not to resit exams, because studying for GCSE exams will be a distraction from your studies of A-levels or other courses.
- You must pay for these resit exams: £60 per subject, including entry fees and admin costs.
- The only exceptions are GCSE Maths and English Language, if you are studying these subjects in November because you achieved a grade 3 or lower this summer.
- GCSE exams will take place between 3rd and 23rd November.
- The deadline for entries is 16th September, except for Maths and English Language, when it is 2nd October.

Who do I contact for help with any of this?

- Grades and exams:

Mr Rogan (drogan@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk) or Mrs Light (vligh@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk)

- Sixth form registration:

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