

18 August 2020

Dear Pupils/Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 11 Exam Results

I hope that you have all managed to have a good summer break and enjoyed the fine weather. I can only imagine that the last week has been somewhat stressful for you as you have watched the news unfold around you with regards the exam results. As a parent of a daughter caught in the midst of the A level debacle, my heart goes out to you. I understand, first hand, how turbulent this has been.

Yesterday, the Government announced that the results this Thursday will be based on the Centre Assessed Grades (CAGS). As a school leader I welcome this decision. I know that as a team we thought long and hard about every grade allocated to every child, discussing evidence available to make the decisions. It therefore sits comfortably with me that the grades you will see Thursday are based on real evidence rather than being subject to factors out of your control.

The Government has suggested that if the grade allocated by the exam board is higher than the CAG then this will be your grade awarded. As yet, we do not know when they will release these exam grades but it is not thought that this will be on Thursday. We will of course let you know as soon as I have details.

We look forward to seeing you Thursday to share your results with you. As mentioned before, the current guidelines for schools will not permit us to issue GCSE results in the same way we have done in previous years. We must ensure that the current rules for social distancing remain in place. Parents are sadly not able to come onto the school site. We would also ask that parents and family members do not gather by the entrance or exit to school as this could cause a health risk.

We are inviting pupils in to collect their results at specific times as follows:

- 10.00am to 10.30am 11CE
- 10.30am to 11.00am – 11 GN
- 11.00am to 11.30am – 11PH
- 11.30am – 12.00pm – 11 PX

We would ask that pupils adhere to these timings as we will not be able to issue results early for any pupils. This will enable us to minimise the risks to both pupils and colleagues whilst on the school site.

Can I also remind you that exam results can only be issued to the candidates themselves and we are not allowed to issue them to anyone else unless we have received written (which could include email) permission from the candidate themselves, naming the person who will collect on their behalf. Such requests should be sent in advance to exams2020@testvalley.hants.sch.uk. The packs containing the exam results will also contain any Form 8 notifications for those pupils who are entitled to exam concessions.

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Parents should avoid parking in Roman Road and we would suggest parking in the bus bay or in Stockbridge High Street. Upon arrival at school we would ask pupils to enter the site via the top gate only. They should then follow the yellow 2-metre markings down the drive to collect their results under the canopy. We would then ask that pupils exit the site via the bottom gate.

Any results that are not collected on the morning of 20 August will be sent via 2nd Class Post that afternoon.

We do want to provide support and guidance should pupils need it. Therefore, queries on Thursday 20 August should be addressed to exams2020@testvalley.hants.sch.uk. In addition, Mrs Williams, our Careers Advisor, will be available to offer additional advice and support on Thursday 20 August between 2pm and 4pm. She may be contacted via her work mobile on 07525 104127. Any queries after 20 August may also be sent via the email address above.

It is a deep regret that this fantastic Year group have not been able to experience the usual rites of passage that other years have had the opportunity to take part in. I cannot express enough how sad I am for them and wish that it could be different. I hope that in the next academic year things change and we are able to mark their time with us in a style befitting their brilliance.

Yours sincerely

Toni Wilden
Head of School