

July 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Hopefully you will be aware that the results day for A Level and Level 3 BTec courses is Thursday 13th August 2020.

How are final grades being determined this year?

As you might remember from an earlier letter and reading the guidance offered by Ofqual (the government's examination standards body) the results this year will be determined differently given the lack of examinations this summer.

We were given the responsibility, as an examination centre, to undertake a process considering the evidence that we have of each pupil's performance, the progress we would have expected your child to make in the remaining months of the course, and our knowledge of the standard of work required for each grade in 2019 to arrive at a centre assessed grade (CAG). These individual teacher grades were moderated within the department and then subject to challenge by senior staff line managers, then through further challenge by me as Head of Centre. The whole process was scrutinised by senior staff within our MAT and our governors approved the process we had undertaken. After this process was completed these Centre Assessed Grades were sent to each examination board.

We are aware that these grades will be moderated against the grades submitted by every other school and may be adjusted to ensure that the overall results nationally remain broadly in line with those in previous years. It is these moderated grades that pupils will actually receive.

In the current situation how will my child get their grades safely and how will you be able to support them to get to a suitable destination?

In the light of this uncertainty about what the final grades for a pupil might be, but also aware of the need to preserve social distancing, we have decided to operate an appointment system for results day starting at 8am (the earliest time allowed). The time slot allocated for your child is (individual letters have personalised time slots)

Your child will need to enter our site through the gate on Sandy Lane that brings them to the entrance to the English block in St Benedict's.

On entry they will be directed to meet with a teacher who will share their results, clarify any questions they have about the information contained on the results sheet

and offer guidance and support if needed as to what they do next if the results are not allowing them to take their planned next step.

Can they wait around for friends to get their results?

Once the meeting has concluded your child will need to leave the site, avoiding, as far as possible, coming close to other pupils who are entering. Sadly, in the current situation we will be encouraging students not to hang around outside to chat to friends.

I hope you can appreciate that we have given this careful thought to this and believe it is the best of the options we have considered.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'A' and a trailing flourish.

Mr A Boyle
Headteacher