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Dear Parent / Carer

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, results day this year will be a little different. However, we feel that it is important that students get the opportunity to attend school to collect results and have time to see staff and students, while being mindful of social distancing measures. We see results day as an important day in our students' lives and want to share in the successes and support with the next steps of their journey. GCSE results will be released on 20th August for GCSE and students can collect them between 8.30-10.30am.

In order to ensure we are following government guidance, we will be allocating each student a specific place where they should collect their results from, this is according to their surname initial. We will have to follow a strict set of social distancing protocols in order to ensure everyone's safety. Please see the table below for your area:

Surname initial	Allocated Area (Outer Entrances)
A - H	Main Hall
I-Z	Diner

### Who can collect results?

- ONLY the student can collect their results.
- If a student cannot attend they can leave a stamped addressed envelope at main reception prior to results day OR
- send another person on results day during the allocated slot time with written permission from the student to collect on their behalf. That person will also need photo ID.
- Students can request their results to be emailed to them by contacting [exams@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk](mailto:exams@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk) prior to the results day. The results will be emailed on the afternoon of August 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Picking up your exam results:

- All exam results will be collected from the allocated areas one individual at a time.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times.
- Students will then be asked to move out of the allocated area where they can meet their parents/ carers and friends to open results. Please keep family members that come with you to a minimum.



### **Can I talk to my teachers about my results?**

- You can of course speak to teachers to celebrate your exam results while maintaining social distancing.
- If you would prefer to email in any queries, please use the [exams@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk](mailto:exams@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk) email address to ensure you get a swift response from the appropriate person.

### **What if I did not get the results I expected to return to school and college?**

- If you did not get the grades you were expecting for College, please contact your College via phone.
- Our Careers Advisor will also be on hand to support you in the Sports Hall.

We are aware that this year is very different to what we had anticipated and there has been lots of different information in the press about exam results and resits. New guidance was published by the government which gives detailed information on the decisions made about summer 2020 results and the link to this can be found below. In order to try and answer some of the key questions you may have, we put together a FAQ using the guidance.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/897425/Summer\\_2020\\_grades\\_for\\_GCSE\\_AS\\_and\\_A\\_level\\_Extended\\_Project\\_Qualification\\_and\\_Advanced\\_Extension\\_Award\\_in\\_maths\\_020720.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/897425/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_and_A_level_Extended_Project_Qualification_and_Advanced_Extension_Award_in_maths_020720.pdf)

### **Will grades issued in 2020 have the same currency as grades issued in previous or future years?**

- The grades awarded to students will have the same currency as grades awarded in other years and should be treated in this way by universities, colleges and employers.
- On the results slips and certificates, grades will be reported in the same way as in previous years.

### **Can students appeal these grades?**

- Students will be able to appeal their grades, through their school if they believe the process this summer was not followed correctly in their case.
- However, there is no opportunity for students to challenge their centre assessment grade or their position in the centre's rank order through an appeal. Because of the role of the rank order in grading this year, such an appeal would have implications for other students in the cohort: if one student successfully appealed against their position in the rank order, it would have negative implications for other students who would, in turn, need to be given an opportunity to appeal.
- Exam boards should only consider appeals submitted by centres, not by students directly.

### **Can I re sit my exams if I am not happy with my grades?**

- Yes. Students who feel that their grades from the summer do not reflect their ability will have the opportunity to take their exams in the autumn series or in summer 2021.
- If they choose to do this, students will be able to use the higher of the two grades for future progression.

### **Who will be eligible to take exams in the autumn?**

- Entry to autumn exams will be open to all students who had entered for GCSEs in the summer series or to those who the exam board believes have made a compelling case about their intention to have entered the summer series.
- Students who would normally be entitled to take GCSEs in English language and Maths in November should also be able to take exams in those subjects.

### **When will the autumn exam series be held?**

- GCSE exams will be held in November. Exam boards will run a further series in January for GCSE English language and maths only – if there is demand for this.
- The exam boards will set the entry deadlines for students wanting to take exams in the autumn for a date in September.
- Families should not make resit decisions on results day. This should be done in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team after you have spoken to the college / 6<sup>th</sup> form admissions team for the place you have applied to.

### **Which centres will enter students in autumn exams?**

- Where a student wishes to sit an exam in the autumn, the Department for Education have confirmed in their guidance that the centre responsible for entering the student in the 2020 summer series should enter the student in the autumn series and take overall responsibility for ensuring that they have somewhere appropriate to sit their exams.

### **Will students be able to sit all of their exams in the autumn?**

- Yes. To ensure this is fair for all students, we will require exam boards to offer the full suite of GCSE qualifications in the autumn.
- This means any student who does not feel their calculated grade reflects their ability is given the opportunity to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

### **If students are unhappy with a grade, do they have to take all their exams in the autumn or can they just take exams in the subject they are unhappy with?**

- Students will not have to sit exams in all subjects in the autumn.
- They may take exams in as few subjects as they would like to.
- If a student wishes to take exams in a particular subject in the autumn, they will need to take all the exam papers in that subject.

### **Will the format of exam papers in the autumn series be any different to usual?**

- No. We believe it is important that students take a style of exam paper which is familiar to them and allows them to demonstrate the full range of their knowledge.
- The format of exam papers in the autumn series will, therefore, be the same as those usually offered in the summer.

### **To what extent will non-exam assessment be taken into account in the autumn series?**

- While it would be desirable for the autumn series to include NEA, in the current circumstances, we believe that the fairest option is for qualifications taken in the autumn to be based on students' exam performance only.
- The exception to this is in art and design, where exam boards will set a new task that students would need to complete under supervised conditions.
- This is because some students will have completed non-exam assessment before schools and colleges closed on 20 March, but others will not have done so.

### **Will there be a cost for students taking exams in the autumn?**

- Fees for exams are set by the exam boards.
- They will share further information on fees for awarding grades this summer, and for the optional autumn exam series in due course.

### **Will students choosing to take an exam this autumn still be able to go to college this year?**

- Students may still choose to take an exam even where their college place has been confirmed.

- However, it will take time for the results of these exams to be issued, so they will need to discuss with their further education institution whether to start their course as planned or to delay their entry.
- We have asked organisations that represent further education providers to consider how they might be flexible in admissions decisions for any students choosing to take an exam this autumn.

**When will the results of the autumn exams series be released?**

- In usual circumstances we do not specify when results must be issued and this year we believe that results days for the autumn series should also be set by exam boards, in consultation with other stakeholders. We have spoken to the exam boards who believe that results for GCSE exams taken in November could be published in February.
- The results for GCSE English and maths could be published in January, as usual. This is dependent on the final dates of the autumn exam series, however.

**If students take an exam this autumn, which will stand – the exam or centre assessment grade?**

- Students who feel that their grades from the summer do not reflect their ability will have the opportunity to take their exams in the autumn series or in summer 2021.
- If they choose to do this, students will be able to use the higher of the 2 grades for future progression.

**Will students be able to appeal the results of the autumn exam series?**

- The autumn series will replicate a normal summer exam series as far as is possible.
- The normal review of marking and appeal arrangements will therefore apply to the autumn series.

Yours sincerely

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