



Dear Parent/ Carer

### **RE: Results Day 2020 - Thursday 13 August for A level and Thursday 20 August for GCSE**

I hope you and your families continue to keep safe and well.

I am writing to you regarding A level and GCSE results day. These days are extremely important for students and we very much want to celebrate their success and support them with the next steps of their learning journey. With this in mind, we would like to give students the opportunity to attend school to collect results and have time to see staff and fellow students. In order to ensure we are able to maintain strict social distancing we have allocated time slots below to attend the academy.

<b>A-Level</b>	<b>GCSE</b>	<b>Time slot</b>
<b>Surname initial</b>	<b>Surname initial</b>	
A - K	A - C	8:30am – 9:00am
L - Z	D - J	9:00am – 9:30am
	K – R	9:30am – 10:00am
<b>Vocational results</b>	S - Z	10:00am – 10:30am

#### **Who can collect results?**

- ONLY the student can collect their results.
- If a student cannot attend results will be posted to their home address on results day.
- A nominated adult can collect results at the allocated time with written permission from the student. That person will also need photo ID.

#### **Picking up your exam results:**

- All students will use the main entrance and wait on allocated markers, as guided by a member of staff.
- Students will go individually to the main hall to collect their exam results.
- A two metre social distance must be maintained at all times.
- Students will then meet with a member of staff in the Gully or Bistro to complete a Destinations Questionnaire. They will also have opportunity to open their results and to discuss these with a teacher if they wish.

#### **Parents/carers:**

- No parking will be allowed on site.
- Please keep accompanying family members to a minimum.
- Parents/carers can enter the top car park ONLY and must maintain a safe social distance.
- Staff will monitor numbers in the car park and if deemed too high, entry for parents/carers may be restricted.

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

- You can of course speak to teachers to celebrate your exam results while maintaining a safe social distance.



- The exam guidance clearly states that staff are **not allowed** to discuss your grades compared to Centre Assessed Grades.

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

- Senior leaders will be available to speak to you.
- If you did not get the grades you were expecting for college, please contact the college by phone.
- Our Careers Advisor will also be on hand to support you.

We understand that this year is very different and you may have questions. Please refer to the link below for further information, we have summarised the guidance contained in this document in the attached FAQ.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/887048/Summer\\_2020\\_Awarding\\_GCSEs\\_A\\_levels\\_-\\_Consultation\\_decisions\\_22MAY2020.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/887048/Summer_2020_Awarding_GCSEs_A_levels_-_Consultation_decisions_22MAY2020.pdf)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish students all the very best in the future and I hope you have a lovely summer break.

Yours faithfully

Roz Wood-Ives  
Vice Principal

## **FAQs**

### **When will results be released?**

- Results will be released on the published results days as originally planned.
- **These are 13 August for A level and 20 August for GCSE.**

### **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 not be able to appeal their results, however, if they wish to see their Centre Assessed Grade and ranking within that grade then they need to make this request by emailing [la-exams@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk](mailto:la-exams@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk)

### **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.

## **Autumn exams**

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

- Entry to autumn exams will be open to all students who were entered for GCSEs, AS and A levels 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?**

- AS and A level exams to take place in October and GCSE exams in November.
- Entry deadlines are 4<sup>th</sup> September for A Level and 18<sup>th</sup> September for GCSE.
- Exam boards will run a further series in January for GCSE English language and maths only if there is demand for this.
- **Families should not make resit decisions on results day, further information will be provided.**

### **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, AS and A level 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 and students will be responsible for paying them.
- 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 university this year?**

- Students may still choose to take an exam even where their university or 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 higher or further education institution whether to start their course as planned or to delay their entry.
- We have asked organisations that represent higher and further education providers to consider how they might be flexible in admissions decisions, considering delays to entry to courses, 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 A level exams taken during October could be published before Christmas and 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. However, this is dependent on the final dates of the autumn exam series.

**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.