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Exam Results Day 2020

This year, Results Day for Year 13 students is Thursday 13 August and for Year 11 students on Thursday 20 August.

These are important days for you and your families and one full of the whole range of emotions and even more so this year because of the circumstances around the exams and results due to the coronavirus pandemic. We know how much you will want to be together on the day to celebrate and support each other and also how much we as staff want to be part of your day too. But as we have considered all the current guidance from the Department for Education regarding the public health and social distancing challenges, the decision we have made is to **email you your results to your school email account** on the results days.

Although you will not be on the school site when you receive your results, we will have staff available to support you, answer all your questions and offer advice and guidance for your next steps including applications to The King's 6th form and for UCAS clearing if needs be. It will be possible to phone to speak with a member of staff or to arrange an appointment to come into school at a set time for a meeting. You will have received an email confirming the arrangements. Please do not turn up at the school without first phoning to make an appointment. It might be that for some of you we actually send you a time to meet with us at school in the email with your results.

Important information for 2020 Results

As both the Results Days approach, we would like to share some key information with you. We want to emphasize that although you may not have actually sat the formal qualifications you have worked hard for the months and years building up to them. We want you to feel proud of yourselves and what you have achieved especially overcoming the most recent extraordinary challenges. You can read more about the changes here.

Centre Assessed Grades

The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) regulates qualifications and exams in England. They produced the guidelines for schools to generate centre assessment grades and a rank order of students within each of these grades. The centre assessed grades had to be based on a broad range of evidence, reflect a fair, reasonable and carefully considered judgement of the most likely grade you would have achieved if you had sat your exams this summer. These grades were agreed by the school and went through a robust, internal quality assurance process involving all teachers, middle and senior leaders. The grades are not the sole responsibility of any individual teacher. Please see a video guide for students here.

We are confident that this system was applied fairly and consistently. However, it is important to note that the school has no control over the final grades released in August. These are assigned by the Awarding Bodies and Ofqual, after applying a standardisation process to the Centre Assessed Grades that the school submitted to the exam boards.

Please see the student guide that Ofqual have produced with all the details for those receiving qualifications this year here.

Ofqual have also produced a **short film** and a **fact sheet** which gives full details about the statistical model used so that you, your parents and carers can understand how GCSE, AS and A levels will be standardised this summer.

Post Results Support

In normal years, it is not unusual for some students to ask for a review of marking and to appeal against some grades. This year, as no formal examinations have been sat, students will not be able to challenge the Centre Assessment Grade or the rank order. Grades can only be changed through sitting an examination in individual subjects in October/November (see information below). Ofqual will only allow for the following:

- A student will be able to ask the centre (school) to conduct a clerical check to see if the centre made an error when submitting a Centre Assessed Grade.
- A student will be able to raise a concern to the school if they have evidence of bias or that they were discriminated against.
- A centre to appeal to an exam board on the grounds that the exam board used the wrong data when calculating grades, and/or incorrectly communicated the grades calculated.

An opportunity to sit exams

Ofqual has released information regarding an Autumn series of A Level/Vocational Qualifications and GCSEs, should you want to sit the exam if you are not satisfied with the grade the exam board aws awarded. The school deadlines, if you wish to be entered for any of these exams are:

Wednesday 2nd September 2020, 12:00pm for Year 13 - A Level and Vocational Qualifications

Monday 7th September 2020, 12:00pm for Year 11 – GCSE

The exams will be held at The King's and the timetable will run as follows:

A level examinations start on Monday 5 October and finish on Friday 23 October 2020

GCSE examinations start on Monday 2 November and finish on Monday 23 November 2020

You can only be entered in the subjects that you were entered in the summer season and we will be asking parents/carers to **pay a deposit** equivalent to the price of each exam if a resit is requested which will be approximately £40.00 per exam. This will be refunded if the pupil is awarded a grade higher than the centre assessed grade the school originally submitted.

Due to the significant amount of learning that has been missed and the considerable time that has passed since you were last in lessons in school in March, our best advice to you is to seriously consider whether to sit an exam in the Autumn Term. This would be with limited preparation, alongside having to continue your university studies or new A level /BTEC courses at Post 16. This could lead to further potential disruption and believe that it is important for you to concentrate your efforts fully on your next steps.

If you do decide to sit an exam in the Autumn, you will be awarded both the calculated grade and actual exam grade. You will then be able to use the higher of the two grades in all future applications.

Results Days

On Results Day, you will receive an email to your school email address with the following information:

- A final grade for each subject as students did not take any written exams and no NEA marks
 were submitted to any of the boards, they will not receive any unit grades, marks or grade
 boundaries
- Details on the process for entering resits for students who are not satisfied with their final grades
- Information signposting students to Ofqual (and awarding bodies as appropriate) that sets out how their grades were calculated this year.
- How to arrange a meeting with staff at school or an actual meeting time.

Free Webinars

After Results Day, Young Enterprise invites Year 11 and Year 13 students to join their free Webinars where you will have the chance to hear from two inspirational speakers who'll share their stories of life after results day and how they came to be where they are today.

You can book your place on the free webinars for a selection of dates from below by clicking on the link

- Year 13 Friday 14 August 2020 or Monday 17 August 2020 Life After Results Day: Live Webinar Registration, Multiple Dates
- Year 11 Friday 21 August 2020 or Monday 24 August 2020 Life After Results Day: Live Webinar Registration, Multiple Dates

You will also have support from staff and our Independent Careers Adviser if you call the school and arrange an appointment.

Joy Langley Senior Vice-Principal – Curriculum and Standards 4th August 2020