

DHU/ALA/July 2020

13 July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### Re: 20th August 2020 Y11 Results

As we approach Year 11 results day 2020, we wanted to share with you all arrangements for a day that will be different to previous results days. I also wanted to thank all our students for the resilience and strength they have shown, and to personally thank you for your ongoing support – we know the past few months have not been easy.

Due to the Government's directive to ensure 2 metre social distancing to ensure the safety of students and staff, the following arrangements will be operational for the collection of all exam results.

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020: Yr 11 Results day (plus GCSE resit)

#### Collection of results

Students should aim to arrive within the following designated times, queuing outside reception (keeping 2 metres apart).

- GCSE resit > 9:00-9:30 am
- Surname A - I > 9.30 - 10.30am
- Surname J - Q > 10.30 - 11.30am
- Surname R - Z > 11.30 – 12:30pm

Students will enter reception one at a time to collect their results from the results desks in the reception area. On receipt of their results, they will exit reception via the one-way system.

Any student choosing to stay with us in Year 12 and wishing to enrol into SWB6th will be directed to classrooms along the Brindley corridor using the one-way system. Here, and observing social distancing measures, they will be able to pick up the relevant enrolment information from the 6<sup>th</sup> form team. SLT will also be on hand to answer any concerns you or our students may have.

#### Post results collection

Whilst we appreciate that your child will want to share their successes with their peers, we are urging all students and parents to observe social distancing rules outside of the academy and avoid meeting up or waiting around in groups. As a result, this will also mean that, unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, there will be **no opportunities** for any group photographs.

#### Understanding the results

In lieu of students sitting public examinations that would have secured their GCSE grade, all schools have entered Centre Assessment Grades and rank orders for their Y11 students. As outlined previously, these grades were based on what your child's teachers believed each student would have achieved had they sat exams this summer, and on a range of evidence including:

- Students' classwork and bookwork, or performances in subjects like PE, music or drama
- Any non-exam assessment, whether or not completed
- The results of any assignments or mock exams, and
- Any previous exam results
- Within each subject, the order of students by performance, for each grade

In the first instance, the allocation of grades have been checked and quality assured by Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) and have undergone a rigorous procedure, before being submitted to the exam boards who have

checked grades for consistency using a model developed with regulators. This will ensure that grades are standardised across all schools and awarded fairly, taking account of previous national results in each subject, and how students, and the school, have performed in previous years. Based on this, individual grades issued by colleagues at the academy may be adjusted upwards or downwards. This means that the final grade awarded to a student could be different from the one our academy has sent. The academy cannot enter into any discussion about the grades that the students were predicted as **the final grade is issued by the exam board and not the school, as they are the awarding body.**

Should you be unhappy with the grade received, please see the FAQs below for information on the steps you can take, including having the opportunity for your child to sit examinations in the autumn series.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss any of the above further, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, I hope you and your family remain in good health and that you have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DHughes". The letters are cursive and fluid, with the 'D' and 'H' being particularly prominent.

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## FAQ – Autumn exams

**1. Can I appeal the grade awarded and challenge the rank?**

*No, appeals this year will not work as they have in the past. The Government decided it would not be in the interests of students or the fairness of the arrangements overall.*

**2. I do not feel that my calculated grade reflects my ability. What can I do about it?**

*You have the opportunity to sit the examinations in the autumn series.*

**3. What if the grades I receive are below entry requirements for my College placement?**

*You would need to contact the further education provider directly. They will advise you whether you can access the course (and whether you will only be allowed to continue on that course if the outcome of the autumn exams meets the requisite grade).*

**4. When will the autumn exams take place?**

*The exact dates are not published yet. We will keep you informed of Ofqual decisions.*

**5. Will all subjects be available?**

*Yes. Exams in the autumn series should be of the same format as the summer 2020 exams would have been, had they not been cancelled.*

**6. If I choose to sit exams in autumn, do I have to sit them all?**

*No. You can select the subject(s) that you wish to sit. However, you cannot opt to take only one paper within a subject. For example, to sit Geography GCSE, you will have to sit all three papers.*

**7. Will the Autumn exams also take into account NEA components that I completed?**

*The autumn series will be based purely on exam performance; no subjects will use the Non-Examined Assessment. Art and Design is based on 60% portfolio and 40% exam board task. In the autumn series, students will have to complete a new task (40%), which will be supervised at school and marked by the exam board.*

**8. Which grade will stand if I chose to attempt exams in the autumn series?**

*You would keep whichever grade is higher. Exam boards will issue a replacement certificate on request and may charge you a fee.*

**9. Will I be required to wear school uniform when sitting the autumn exams?**

*No. You are welcome to wear it if it still fits, but we are expecting that students will not wear uniform.*

**10. Will the school help me prepare for the autumn exams?**

*We will guide students to online materials that would help with exam preparation, so do discuss it with your subject teachers. However, whilst maintaining social distancing, we will unfortunately not have the facilities to cater for additional students on site.*