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## Year 11 Results Day 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to announce that we are able to invite all students into school to collect their exam results in person on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. We feel, this year, it is more important than ever to be able to congratulate students on their achievements; console those who haven't achieved the results they were hoping for, and to offer our students care, guidance and support on their next steps, if needed. The event will be subject to any changes in Government advice released over the next few weeks and we will communicate changes via our social media platforms, the website and via Edulink.

This year, we are using our PRE booking system to allow students to book a single time slot to come in and collect their results. We have chosen this process, rather than allocating students a time slot in alphabetical order, to enable friends to arrive at similar times and share their results with each other. Slots will be available from 8:30am until midday. The link to the booking systems is here at <https://samwhit.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. If you have any issues accessing this system please contact via email only on [SWA-PREAdmin@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:SWA-PREAdmin@bestacademies.org.uk). Please do not contact by telephone as the office is not staffed continuously throughout the holidays. The booking system will open at **midday on Monday 19th July and closes at midday on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August.**

Once you have selected a time slot, this is the **only** time that your child will be allowed on site to collect their results and we cannot accommodate requests outside of the advertised hours. To ensure we are minimising the number of people on site and adhering to social distancing guidance, each student can be accompanied by **one** other member of their household.

If the student is unable to collect their results on the day, they can either nominate another person to collect these on their behalf or request them to be sent through the post. If you chose to have results collected by another person, you will need to complete the google form - the link of which has been sent to your child's school email account. Requests will **only** be accepted from school email accounts. If you prefer to receive results through the post, then you will need to send us a stamped addressed envelope with your name and candidate number written clearly on the front. You can send this in via the post, or you can drop it into school reception and post into the post box provided.

Upon arrival at the reception gate, all visitors will be asked to sanitise their hands before proceeding to the Sports Hall to collect their results. Should a student wish to receive further advice and guidance from the 6th Form, our careers department or pastoral members of staff, they will be asked to make their way to the Sixth Form block. All routes will be clearly signposted and staff will be on hand to direct students accordingly.

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We would ask that all visitors follow the latest advice from the DfE which states:

Schools, FE colleges and other skills providers planning to open their doors to pupils and students on results day should continue to follow the hierarchy of controls they have used over the summer term, and that summer holiday providers are following during August.

In particular this means:

- ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school and/or college or other provider
- cleaning hands more often than usual
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- minimising contact and mixing as far as possible, by keeping pupils and students in small consistent groups. Schools, FE colleges and other providers should aim to practise social distancing in line with current government guidance on social distancing.

### Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG's)

These are the grades that we submitted to the exam boards following an internal quality assurance process and are not the sole responsibility of any individual teacher. These are confidential and all staff have been instructed not to disclose or discuss these grades with either students, parents or carers. Details on the appeals process will be sent out via a separate communication once this has been finalised by the exam boards.

### Autumn Series of exams

If a student is unhappy with the grades issued by the exam boards then the Government has announced that all GCSE level qualifications will be available to be taken in the Autumn Series of exams. This is currently timetabled for Nov/Dec 2021. Current guidance states that the grades will be based solely upon exam performance and will mainly not include any contribution from coursework marks or NEA. Further guidance and information is available [here](#). Students will not be discriminated against if they achieve a lower grade in the Autumn Series compared to their Final Teacher Assessed, as the highest grade will count. There will be no cost to the student associated with taking these exams in the Autumn series.

There will be a link to a google form that will be emailed to students on results day where they can register their interest in taking any GCSE or A level exams in this series. The exam office will then contact all students who have expressed an interest when school re-opens in September. Please complete this indicating which subject you want to be entered for by 3pm on **Thursday 3rd September 2021**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding. The Academy looks forward to seeing many of you on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. We wish you every success in your chosen pathways. Have a restful summer break and best wishes for your future.

Yours sincerely



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