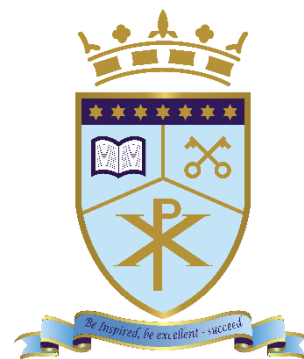


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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to explain the process for our pupils to receive their Nationally Standardised GCSE Outcomes on August 20th. This has been an unprecedented period and a challenging time for our pupils and to assure you all schools, Tameside authority and the local post 16 colleges have worked together to ensure this support is in place and we fully anticipate that for the vast majority of students the process will be straightforward. The most important thing is to support our students and ensure they get on to the right college course.

I know how anxious our young people will be awaiting their grades which is why we would like to offer them as 'normal' a day, present situation notwithstanding, collecting their outcomes as possible. An information sheet is available on our website.

GCSE 'results' day will therefore be different this year. Students will not be receiving results for examinations taken. They will be receiving nationally standardised grades awarded by the exam boards. These are the grades that will be recognised by colleges and higher education institutions and employers in the future.

Collection on the Day:

Results will be available for collection from 8.30 – 12.00 from the school hall, but I would ask that you follow the rota below. This ensures that we keep to social distancing levels. Parents will not be allowed to access the area in which the grades are being issued, but of course we know that you will want to be with your child and you will be welcome to wait on the yard just outside. Sadly, we will have to ask that once your child has their standardised grades that they do move on as quickly as possible so that we can welcome other students onto the site to collect their grades.

The times will be as follows:

Student Surname – beginning with the letter	Time for Collections
A- B	8.30-9.00am
C-F	9.15-9.45 am
G-L	10.00-10.30 am
M-P	10.45-11.15 am
R-Z	11.30 -12.00 pm

On the day:

- Results will be given out in the school hall and students will be asked to enter school via Birch Lane (the usual gated entrance) via the main yard
- They will need to register at the main canteen doors and will be directed towards where they can collect their results
- Senior Staff will be available for support and advice
- Information regarding support from Positive Steps will follow but they will be available to provide independent career advice by calling 0800 484 0407 / 0161 621 9292 or emailing tamesidecareers@positive-steps.org.uk

We will send a text prior to the morning to remind you of this information, which will be on the website. We will ask you to respond to that text to indicate that your child will be collecting their results on that day.

If a child is unable to collect their results:

If students are on holiday or are unable to collect their results on the day, alternative arrangements may be requested as long as students inform the college, in writing, of the alternative request. Results will not be distributed without written permission from the student.

If students are unable to collect their results in person they need to ensure that one of the following happens:

- Students bring a stamped addressed envelope into the school office for the attention of Mrs Wilkinson. Results will then be posted on the 20th August.
- Students may write a signed letter or note which gives their permission for a named person to collect results for on their behalf. The letter should either be with Mrs Wilkinson in advance or be brought into school by the person collecting the results. If the named representative is not known to the college they would need some means of identifying themselves.

Every year our GCSE results are published in the local paper and the Manchester Evening News. If you would like your child's name included please contact school (Mrs Wilkinson) by email as soon as possible and inform her, otherwise your child's name will be omitted. Her email is awilkinson@allsaintscatholiccollege.com

How the grades were gathered:

Schools were asked to provide a centre assessed grade for each student in each GCSE subject taken. The school was required to send the exam board two pieces of information for each of a student's subjects, based on what we know about their work and achievements:

- the grade we believe a student was most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned; *and
- within each subject, the order of students in school by performance, for each grade to enable the exam board to standardise judgements.

*In making these judgements we considered a range of things like classwork and homework; results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework and a student's general progress during their course.

The exam board standardisation model will draw on a range of evidence including historical outcomes for each school and the prior attainment of students. This means that the centre assessment grades submitted by schools and colleges and the final grade that students receive could be different.

The grades awarded to students will carry the same value as grades awarded in other years and on the results slips and certificates, grades will be reported in the same way.

Access to Post 16 places:

The colleges will use the nationally standardised grades awarded by exam boards on 20th August to discuss year 12 study programme options and will use these when taking decisions on programme type and level. This will ensure all students are placed on the right course. It is important that students have all of their grades with them when enrolling, including any taken in years 9 and 10. Tameside schools and colleges have agreed arrangements to communicate with each other during the main enrolment period in order to discuss any issues that might arise with the standardised grades awarded. This will be done on a case by case basis. The colleges will be contacting students with enrolment invites over the summer period. It is important that students arrive on time for these appointments and adhere to social distancing rules; if there are any issues with the time and date of appointments, please contact the admissions team at the appropriate college as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.

Further information:

Once college places are secured, if for any reason you would like to know your child's centre assessed grades (CAGs), your child must fill in the form given out on the day and return to school. They must include an email address so the CAGs can be sent to them directly. These results cannot be released until August 20th and must be released to your child.

Students who feel that their grades do not reflect their ability, will have the opportunity to take their exams in the autumn 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. Information will be available on the website once this process has been confirmed.

If you have any issues on 20th August do please speak to a senior member of staff available. In the meantime, I wish you a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to sharing your child's achievements on the 20th.

Yours faithfully

A Diamond
Head of School