



### GCSE Results Day Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the awarding of TAGs before the summer break.

As you aware, schools were asked to generate a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) for each student, in each subject. TAGs were submitted to the exam boards by us as a holistic assessment of students' performance in a subject, following a rigorous process of assessment, moderation and quality assurance. As part of the quality assurance process, we had to produce a centre assessment policy which outlined the steps that we would take to ensure that our process followed the OFQUAL guidance and was student focused, consistent, fair and robust. **I am pleased to share that this centre policy was approved by the awarding organisation, with no amendments needed and a copy of this is on our website here:** [https://files.schudio.com/great-sankey-high-school/files/documents/GSHS\\_Centre\\_Policy.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/great-sankey-high-school/files/documents/GSHS_Centre_Policy.pdf).

**Following submission of the grades to the exam boards, the TAGS entered by all schools have undergone a further stage of external quality assurance.** This external quality assurance process has been conducted by professional teachers or reviewers; this year **no** grades have been changed as a result of an algorithm.

Results day for year 11 students will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August and will be held in Barrow Hall College. Whilst social distancing restrictions will be lifted, given the increase in COVID 19 cases nationally we believe it is important to reduce the risk of potential transmission. Therefore, results morning will be staggered with each house being allocated a time slot as indicated below.

House	Time slot
Austen	8.30 – 8.45 am
Bannister	8.45 - 9.00 am
Newton	9.00 – 9.15 am
Parks	9.15 -9.30 am
Stephenson	9.30 - 9.45 am
Thompson	9.45 - 10.00 am

Please arrive via the green gates adjacent to the Livewire building at the rear of school and make your way to Barrow Hall College. Students will be asked to queue outside the building initially to restrict the number of people within the building. Upon entering the building students will be asked to use hand sanitiser and will be directed to desks where they will be able to collect their results.

Please note that the results are the student's and therefore **CANNOT** be collected by any other person unless a third party collection form is completed and provided on results day alongside appropriate documentation.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend results day you may provide a stamped addressed envelope to our exams officer in advance of results day. Further guidance is provided on the exams section of our school website.



If your child has applied to Barrow Hall College, they will have already received a letter inviting them to a one-to-one enrolment interview in line with their results time slot.

As always on results days there will be mixed experiences, the majority of students are typically elated with their results, but a minority may be disappointed. This year, unlike in previous years the options available to students if they are unhappy with the grades awarded are different as typical processes such as requesting a remark of an exam paper are unavailable. Students will have the opportunity to appeal should they meet the eligibility criteria set out by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), who are the exam board regulator.

Details of the eligibility criteria and the appeals process are outlined on our website as linked here:

<https://www.greatsankey.org/curriculum/exams>

I would like to take this opportunity to praise our students for the resilience they have demonstrated in what has been a challenging and unusual period of time. I would also like to thank parents for your support over the last 5 years, the collective effort of students, parents and staff really does encapsulate our school motto 'greatest together'.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Kane', written in a cursive style.

Mrs C Kane

Deputy Headteacher