

16th July 2020

Dear student,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I am writing to inform you of the logistics for the collection of A Level results on **Thursday 13th August**.

I am happy to announce that we are able to invite you to collect your results in person, but to ensure the safety of all, we have put in place certain control measures. There is a limit to the number of people we can have in the building at one time. Therefore, the following time slots have been allocated to students according to their tutor group.

There will be three entrances to college as follows:

Entrance 1: main entrance to college

Entrance 2: in the middle of the college building

Entrance 3: at the end of the college building nearest to maths/humanities

Please wait in an orderly, socially distanced queue until someone exits before you enter to collect your results, if the maximum number of occupants has been reached. Staff members will be on hand to oversee any queue.

8.00am-8.30am	
13AG	Entrance 1
13AP	Entrance 2
13CR	Entrance 3
8.30am-9.00am	
13EH	Entrance 1
13MH	Entrance 2
13SR	Entrance 3

Should you have any coronavirus symptoms, or have someone in your household who does, please do not attend college. Email or telephone Helen in the college office and she will arrange for your results to be emailed to you.

Although we know that you will be eager to share your results with parents, we ask that parents wait off site whilst you collect results in order to minimise contact and mixing as far as possible.

Please arrive via the green gates beside the livewire building at the rear of the school, maintaining social distance from other students. We understand that you will want to congratulate your peers and celebrate your results together but we must ask you to not to socialise in groups outside of the college building.

What do I do if I can't collect my results myself?

We cannot give results over the telephone. However, if you know in advance that you are unable to collect your results in person, you can request for them to be sent via your college email address. You can also elect a person to collect your results on your behalf. To do this, you need to email helen.donson-jones@greatsankey.org and give the name of the person and their relationship to you. On arrival, they must show photographic identification before we will release your results to them.

What do I do if I haven't got into my firm or insurance university place?

You will now be in clearing and will be eligible to apply for university courses that appear in the clearing list. Please visit <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing> in advance of results day for more detail. For the first time ever, Clearing Plus will match unplaced applicants to relevant courses with vacancies. *On the day, tutors and the college leadership team will be available to guide you. If you cannot find a member of the team, please see Helen in the office who will ensure you are seen.*

What if I have done better than I thought I would and I want to go to a different university?

You can apply for courses which fit your grades through ucas adjustment. Visit <https://www.ucas.com/events/2020-adjustment-opens-348911> in advance of results day for more detail. *On the day, tutors and the college leadership team will be available to guide you. If you cannot find a member of the team, please see Helen in the office who will ensure you are seen.*

What if I have decided to defer?

You must contact the university directly as each university will have their own policy on deferring.

What if I have changed my mind about going to university?

If you wish to delay going, see above. If you do not want to go at all, you must contact the university admissions team to reject their offer.

I need careers advice, where do I go?

Stacey Lowe, our independent careers advisor is available to help you all day on results day. See Helen on reception and ask for an appointment.

How have my grades been awarded?

As you are aware, we were asked to generate a Centre Assessed Grade (CAG) and a ranking for each student, in each subject. As a college we have followed the OFQUAL and exam board guidance thoroughly to ensure that all of our students are treated fairly and consistently. This guidance was clearly communicated with staff to ensure that a full range of robust assessment data, not just mock performance, and our knowledge of each student was taken into account.

All grades and rankings then underwent a rigorous quality assurance process led by subject leads and the senior team to ensure that all students were treated equitably. Our head teacher, Mr Shannon, also had to confirm that the process has been robust and fair for all students. Mr Shannon has been in regular contact with the deputy director of policy of ASCL (Association of School and College Leaders) who has been the main link between schools & colleges nationally and OFQUAL to ensure that our approach was the very best that it could be for our students. In line with OFQUAL guidance these grades and rankings have now been submitted to the exam boards. They are confidential and cannot be shared with students or parents during the awarding process.

Currently, exam boards are standardising these grades using a statistical analysis process developed by OFQUAL. The standardisation process applied by the exam boards ensures grades awarded this year are consistent with those awarded to other cohorts in other years and was the fairest possible approach available under extreme circumstances. It is a rigorous process which means that grades awarded this year are as valid as in any other year and will allow students to progress to the next stage of their lives in the normal way. All exam boards will be using the same methodology to ensure consistency, the following link contains a document produced by OFQUAL explain the process [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/887041/6614-4_Infographic - Process for awarding GCSEs AS and A levels summer 2020.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/887041/6614-4_Infographic_-_Process_for_awarding_GCSEs_AS_and_A_levels_summer_2020.pdf)

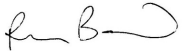
I am disappointed with my grade and would like the opportunity to sit my exams in the Autumn series. Who do I speak to?

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. There is also an altered appeals process. Schools and colleges will be able to appeal if they believe an error has been made when submitting information or if we believe the exam board have made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade. Students will only be able to appeal if they have evidence based concerns, regarding bias in the assignment of grades by the college. More information regarding the appeals process can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-publishes-more-details-on-appeals-and-confirms-autumn-exam-arrangements>

OFQUAL have confirmed that any students who are unhappy with their results will be able to sit exams in the autumn, should they wish. The proposed dates for the A Level exam series are the 5th October and 23rd October 2020. At the time of writing, there are still many details regarding the resit exams that have not been shared by OFQUAL with schools. We will use our I website and twitter feed to share updates with you over the summer as appropriate.

I know all of your teachers are really looking forward to seeing you on results day, as am I. I understand that this is an anxious time for you, but I assure you that all the support you need will be on hand on the day. We will have the tissues ready for happy/relieved tears! For now, enjoy the summer.

With warmest wishes.



Mrs R Bond
Head of College