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Dear Parents

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 20th August 2020

I hope that you and your families are well.

I am writing to share the arrangements that we have put in place for GCSE results day on Thursday 20th August.

As you know, the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent school closure has meant that this year has been unlike any other for Year 11 students across the country. As students have been unable to sit their exams, schools have been asked to submit Centre Assessed Grades for all candidates.

As a school we have implemented the guidance from the government and submitted grades for all our Year 11 students based on the required evidence. OFQUAL and the exam boards are now in the process of reviewing all grades and may adjust these according to the emerging picture across the country:

“If grading judgements in a subject in some schools and colleges appear to be more severe or generous than others, exam boards will adjust the grades of some or all students upwards or downwards accordingly. This means that the centre assessment grades submitted by schools and colleges and the final grade that students receive could be different.”

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Looking forward to results day, which is Thursday 20th August, our plans are as follows:

- Students collecting their results will be asked to arrive at school on their own at a specified time slot, as detailed below. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we are not able to allow friends and family on site to collect results with students.

Time	First letter of surname
9.00 - 9.20am	A-C
9.20 - 9.40am	D-F
9.40 - 10.00am	G-H
10.00 - 10.20am	I-L
10.20 - 10.40am	M-O
10.40 - 11.00am	P-R
11.00 - 11.20am	S-W

- Parents will be sent a text during results week with the allocated time for your son/daughter to attend school and collect their results.
- Students are asked to come through the main car park gate and walk along the front of the building to the student entrance. Supermarket style queuing will operate as required to ensure adequate social distancing.

- Once students have collected their results they should speak to either Mr Huyton, Mrs Houghton or Mr Lodge. This will be a good opportunity to confirm post-16 college plans before leaving school. It will also be helpful for any students who are unsure about next steps.
- There will also be representatives from Wirral Met, Birkenhead Sixth Form College and Careers Connect on hand to provide any help or advice that may be needed.
- If any parents/students wish to discuss their awarded grades in further detail, members of the Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to arrange a follow-up meeting.

Given the disruption to our Year 11 students' final year in school, we really hope that results day can be a celebration of achievement. We are determined that our students will enjoy a good send-off in August and we have some lovely surprises planned to make the day a special occasion. We are also hopeful that we will be able to hold a celebration event to welcome students back next year once current restrictions are lifted.

Finally, if your son/daughter is unable to collect their results and wishes for someone else to collect them on their behalf, they must put this in writing to the Exams Officer, Mrs Betley. The person collecting the results must bring this consent along with a form of identification on results day. Alternatively, students who cannot attend can request that their results are sent out via email from 9am on results day. To receive results via email or for any other queries regarding GCSE results, please contact Mrs Betley at dbe@birkenheadparkschool.com.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our Year 11 students every success in the summer.

With best wishes.



Helen Johnson
Headteacher