

Ref DJB/AQG/Letters/Y11 Results Day

July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer of «Preferred_Forename» «Preferred_Surname»

RE: YEAR 11 EXAMINATION RESULTS DAY – THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 2020

Due to Coronavirus and restrictions on mass gatherings, we have had to make some changes to how we manage our Results Days this year. In order to ensure that our students can receive the academic and careers support that they require, we will have a staggered Results Day with a one way system in place. Students will only be able to enter the school site at their allocated time and so should plan their journeys accordingly. We ask that wherever possible, parents/carers transport students to school in order to reduce the use of public transport, and ask that parents/carers remind students regarding social distancing if they are walking to school with friends. We encourage parents/carers to attend Results Day with their child, but this year we ask that only one adult per family attends in order reduce the number of people on the school site.

«Preferred_Forename» should arrive to collect «His_Her» results between «Time_Slot».

There will be a one way system in place in order to minimise contact and prevent congregation.

«Preferred_Forename» should enter through pedestrian gate 1 (Reddicap Heath Road) and walk along the path to the entrance by the back of the hall and wait here on the 2m floor lines until called into the hall. Results envelopes will be collected here. If «Preferred_Forename» ordered a Leavers' Hoodie, «He_She» will also be able to collect this at the same time as «His_Her» results.

«Preferred_Forename» should then proceed through the main hall doors into the reception area. If «Preferred_Forename» wishes to remain in the Sixth Form and has the entry requirements for the courses «He_She» opted to study, there will be a slip in «His_Her» envelope that «He_She» can post in reception for contactless enrolment. «Preferred_Forename» can exit via the main reception door and leave site via gate 2 (Fairfax Road). This exit can also be used by «Preferred_Forename» if «He_She» has plans in place for September that do not require any support.

Students that need careers support, want to change A-level subjects or who have not met the criteria for their option choices, should proceed to the gym via the door from reception, where there will be socially distanced waiting areas and staff available to advise and support students. These students will exit site via the gym to gate 2 (Fairfax Road).

We understand that this process is not the usual way we celebrate Results Day but feel the steps are necessary to reduce the risk of congregation in order to keep both our students and staff safe.

If «Preferred_Forename» wishes to have someone else collect «His_Her» results, we require either a signed letter or «Preferred_Forename» can email exams@fairfax.bham.sch.uk nominating someone to collect the results on «His_Her» behalf. If «Preferred_Forename» would like «His_Her» results posted home, «He_She» will need to provide a stamped addressed envelope. Please be advised that any emails, letters or envelopes are required before the end of term.

Whilst students have not sat examinations this year, a thorough process has been completed prior to the awarding of grades. Centre Assessed Grades were submitted by Fairfax to the examination boards for each of «Preferred_Forename»'s GCSE subjects. These grades were generated in line with Ofqual guidance. The examination boards are now in the process of using a model devised by Ofqual to carry out a statistical standardisation of every school's grades for each subject based on each school's performance over the last two years. This means that where an exam board feels a school has been too generous with their grades in a particular subject, the exam board will reduce at least some grades, but likewise, where an exam board feels a school has been too harsh with their grades in a particular subject, the exam board will increase those grades. Ofqual have advised that all schools should expect their Centre Assessed Grades to be adjusted by the examination boards.

As a result of this process, teachers will not be aware of student outcomes until results day. As such it will not be possible to complete Sixth Form registration or careers meetings prior to results day.

If «Preferred_Forename» is unhappy with a grade awarded by the board in any of «His_Her» subjects «He_She» will be able to sit the exam at some point during the next academic year.

Please discuss this letter with «Preferred_Forename» so that «He_She» knows what to expect and remind «His_Her» that «He_She» must not congregate outside the school or in the local community following collection of results.

We look forward to seeing «Preferred_Forename» back in school and will support «Him_Her» in any way possible to make «His_Her» next steps as straight forward as possible in these uncertain times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D J Bunn', with a long, sweeping tail extending to the right.

MRS D J BUNN
Head of Academy