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Dear Parent/carer

Exam Results Collection

The GCSE exam results will be available to students on **Thursday 20th August 2020**. Candidates are invited into school on this day to collect their results and to discuss next steps with our careers adviser and Trinity sixth form staff. Candidates are allowed to bring one adult but this person must remain outside the school building at all times.

Results collection will take place in the main school hall and canteen and will be open as per the times below. This schedule is based on forms, in order to avoid large numbers at any one time. Please note that if you arrive at a different time you will be asked to wait either until your agreed slot or until the end of distribution.

Entry to the school hall will be through 3 routes – external fire doors of the Hall labelled Door A and Door B and the Canteen labelled Door C.

As there will be a queuing system outside, if the weather is wet please bring a raincoat/umbrella. Candidates must follow the signage and one way system within school and adhere to current social distancing guidance.

Arrival time	Enter by Door A	Enter by Door B	Enter by Door C
8.30-9.00	Reg 11-1RM Surnames A-J	Reg 11-1RM Surnames K-Z	Reg 11-4LQ Surnames A-F
9.00-9.30	Reg 11-2AD Surnames A-M	Reg 11-2AD Surnames N-Z	Reg 11-4LQ Surnames G-Z
9.30-10.00	Reg 11-3AA Surnames A-E	Reg 11-3AA Surnames H-Z	Reg 11-7AP Surnames A-H
10.00-10.30	Reg 11-5RF Surnames A-H	Reg 11-5RF Surnames K-Z	Reg 11-7AP Surnames M-Z
10.30-11.00	Reg 11-6RP Surnames A-I	Reg 11-6RP Surnames J-Z	

We appreciate that, as parents, you will be very anxious to see your child's results. However, it is essential that students receive the best advice at this point about their next steps. Consequently, once students have collected their results, it is essential that they speak to the appropriate member of staff before they leave, (either Sixth form staff or a member of the careers team). This may include a discussion about applying for an Appeal if it was deemed appropriate.

Whilst it is anticipated that every year 11 student will attend the school to collect their results on this day, we also appreciate that there may be circumstances which prohibit this. If you and/or your child will not be able to attend the school on the 20th August, please complete the enclosed form (*Results Collection*) to allow us to make arrangements.

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If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school.



Grade Calculation

Grades have been calculated differently this year due to the Corona Virus pandemic. We have provided the exam boards with the grades we believe you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned and in line with Ofqual guidance. Finally the exam boards have standardised grades across schools and colleges to make sure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged.

This process is aimed at ensuring fairness and consistency between students in different years and in different schools and colleges so that, for example, it does not result in more students nationally being awarded higher grades this year when compared to cohorts in previous years. It is done to ensure that this year's grades are as valid as in any other year. I can reassure you that your teachers approached the task of assessing grades with the utmost diligence, and that they felt the grades submitted were a fair and accurate reflection. The final grades awarded by the exam boards are the product of a nationally applied process, aimed at ensuring that your grades are consistent with those of students in other years, and therefore have equal value.

Once you have collected your results any queries about your grades must be directed to Mrs Skinner or Mrs Stanway. There will be a form in your results envelope to this and they will be available in our school reception area when you come in to collect your results.

Certificate Collection

Formal certificates are received by the school some months later. Students can normally collect certificates in person from the end of November (NB there could possibly be a delay this year – please check the school website for confirmation or call school) during office hours but please give advance notice so that we can have the certificates available when you arrive. Please note that exam boards advise that uncollected certificates should be destroyed after 1 year. They do not provide full replacement certificates but can provide certified statements of results which are chargeable. Therefore please ensure you make arrangements for the collection of the original certificates.

Queries

I am also conscious that this has been a difficult and anxious time for you as a result of the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic. If you would like any further support or information, please do get in touch, so that we can arrange an appointment for you to see a member of staff.

The National Careers Service has also set an exam results helpline during August 2020. Young people or their parents can contact the helpline on 0800 100 900 to speak to a professionally qualified careers adviser if they need advice on their next steps. The helpline will be open from 8am to 10pm from Thursday 13 August until Friday 28 August. After these dates, young people will be able to access ongoing support from the National Careers Service at any time by calling 0800 100 900, visiting nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us or searching for the National Careers Service on Facebook and Twitter

If you have any further queries at this point please contact the relevant staff member below:

Mrs Skinner (Exams Officer) – sskinner@smwca.org.uk

Mr Bland (Head of Year 11) – lbland@smwca.org.uk

Mrs Rhodes (Trinity Sixth Form queries) - prhodes@smwca.org.uk

Mrs Chambers (Careers and college enrolment queries) – gchambers@smwca.org.uk

Finally, may we take this opportunity to wish you all the best of luck and we look forward to celebrating your achievements with you on results day.

Yours faithfully

E Robinson

Mrs E Robinson

Assistant Principal in charge of Assessment and CEIAG

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