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Dear Year 11 parents/carers,

Re: GCSE Results Day 20th August 2020

This letter is an amended version of the letter that I sent on the 27th July. That letter outlined details of how GCSE grades would be distributed to pupils in a safe manner for both pupils and staff. What follows is an updated version of the plan. I respectfully ask that all pupils and parents **adhere strictly** to these guidelines.

Collection Times, Entry and Exit

I know that there will be a mixture of excitement and anxiety in the morning. That is why there is a very short window to collect grades before the next form arrives. The morning will work as follows;

- Pupils arrive at school at the collection time given for their form group [See below]
- Don't arrive earlier as the staff distributing these will not be in school until that time too
- A member of SLT will be on duty to ensure that pupils enter at the correct time
- Pupils enter through reception
- Please complete and hand in the Data Consent Form. A copy is on the website.
- Pupils will be sent to a distribution point to collect their results
- There are three [3] distribution points: Piazza, Dining room and Hall
- GCSE results are distributed by their Form Tutor
- Pupils will be able to stay for a very short time before leaving the building
- Pupils exit through the green gates
- Entry and exit procedure is to facilitate a one-way system
- The desks are then cleaned ready for the other forms to enter

Collection Time	Piazza	Dining Room	Hall
09.30	11EML	11RTU	11SBH
10.00	11DWN	11NML	11SBY
10.30	11PGL	11JON	11JMY & 11MYS

Some further important points

- It is *essential* that you observe social distancing *both on and off-site*
- If you miss your scheduled time as above, then your results will be posted on the day
- Sadly, given current restrictions on gatherings, we will only be able to accommodate pupils on site. Therefore, parents will **not** be permitted to enter the school building

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What if you don't want to collect the Grades in school?

There may be a reason why you would not want to collect your GCSE grades in school in person. If this is the case, please email mjinks@stdamians.co.uk. NB: It would be very helpful if you emailed Mrs Jinks immediately so that we can plan accordingly. Your GCSE results will then be emailed to you on the 20th August after 11.30am.

The appeals process

The above process is for collecting the results only. Due to the constant changes at National Level, I am currently unable to give any information on the appeals process. As you are aware from the media, Ofqual have put out information but then have changed it. I will share the most recent information on this process with you as late as possible so that it is the most up to date. I apologise in advance for this, but it is best waiting until the last minute.

Re-sit options

A re-sit opportunity is available for all GCSE subjects in November 2020. If your child would like the opportunity to improve their result for a particular subject, please complete the form that will be enclosed in the results envelope. The deadline for re-sit entries is Friday 11th September 2020. Entries are free of charge.

Support on the day

If you have a query, please see Mrs Henshaw, who will make a brief note of it and then ensure the appropriate follow up. Due to the tight schedule of collection times, conversations will be limited to 2-3 minutes per pupil.

Our Careers Adviser, Ms Patel is available to advise on post 16 destinations including college places, further training and apprenticeships on 07123 456789 on the following dates:

Thurs 20th Aug [9am -1pm]

Mon 24th Aug [1pm-5pm]

Tues 25th Aug [9am-5pm]

Wed 26th Aug [1pm-5pm]

Thurs 27th Aug [1pm-5pm]

In addition, the Positive Steps telephone hotline is available on Sat 22nd Aug 10am-4pm on the following number: 0800 484 0407.

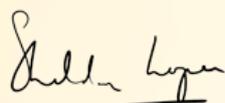
Conclusion

As a father awaiting my daughters' results, I understand that pupils and parents will be anxious about the results day and the many 'unknowns'. I ask that you stay calm and positive and be reassured that our aim is to ensure that your child progresses to the next stage of education that they deserve.

Finally, I apologise once again for the above restrictions in place for what should be a morning of celebration but due to the ongoing situation the above is necessary to ensure the safety of all of our community.

GOOD LUCK to all our great students.

Mr Logue



Headteacher