

Re: GCSE results day – Thursday 20th August 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

With government information having changed often in the past week, I wanted to clarify for you what we do know – and what we don't yet know – in readiness for GCSE results day tomorrow. This information is correct at the time of writing (11:00 on Wednesday 19th August). It is a regrettable sign of the times, that I need to add that disclaimer to current exam communications.

The information below requires understanding of two key terms: centre-assessed grade and calculated grade. Centre-assessed grades are the grades that Brine Leas submitted. They were our best assessment of what a student would have achieved if they had taken exams. An explanation of how the centre-assessed grade judgements were made, is [here](#). Calculated grades are the grades produced by exam boards using an algorithm based on historical data.

OFQUAL have confirmed that for GCSEs, students will receive the best of the centre-assessed grade and the calculated grade.

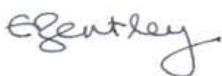
This is what we do know:

- GCSE results for all boards were made available to schools today, to prepare for distribution. It is standard practice for schools to receive results the day before results day.
- For each student, for each GCSE, we have been provided with the best of the centre-assessed grade and the calculated grade.
- These official GCSE grades will be published on My Child At School (parent portal) / VLE (student portal) at 8:00 tomorrow in the REPORTS section.
- Students still have the opportunity to collect a printed copy of their results from 10:00 – 10:30. They should queue (2 metres apart) along the path to the 'bike shed gate' as results will be issued from the gym. Students will not be able to congregate and parents will not be able to enter site.
- Any printed results not collected will be posted the same day.
- We will publish our full list of centre-assessed grades on Tuesday 1st September.
- The BL6 team is sending an email today to all applicants – keep an eye out for it!

This is what we don't yet know:

- **Vocational qualifications were not included in Tuesday's [announcement](#) by the Department for Education.**
- Currently, these are not covered by the 'best of' policy, in the way that GCSE grades are.
- Exam boards have not yet informed centres whether vocational qualifications (including BTECs) will be available in time for results day. If they are available, we don't yet know if they will be 'best of' or potentially the calculated grades which could be lower than centre-assessed grades.
- The exam board has confirmed that results for FSMQ Additional Maths will not be available until next week at the earliest. Therefore, these results **will not show on results statements tomorrow.**
- Ofqual has not yet confirmed the appeals process for this year's exam results. We cannot be sure that previous information sent to students and parents regarding appeals remains valid, so please disregard it until further notice.

I realise this this level of uncertainty is far from ideal at such an anxious time in students' lives and as a centre, we feel the frustration of not being able to alleviate that. I will continue to update you as the above questions are clarified. In the midst of these extraordinary circumstances, I wish all students every success in the future, wherever their next step may be.



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