

## Re: arrangements for key stage 5 results day (year 13)

Dear students and parents / carers,

Key stage 5 results day is Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Due to restrictions in place for Covid-19, this year's arrangements will be different to previous years.

### Results

Results are strictly embargoed until 08.00. At this time, they will be released on My Child At School for students to access from home. UCAS and universities receive student results at the same time.

If you have forgotten your My Child At School login details, please click 'forgotten login details' on <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin> . The school ID is 11146.

We are really sad that we won't get to see you this year on results day and we would nevertheless love to share the experience with you. If you would like to, please take a photo to capture the moment and send it to [sendyourselfie@brineleas.co.uk](mailto:sendyourselfie@brineleas.co.uk)

We will distribute your certificates to you in the autumn term, once we have received them from the exam boards.

Receiving results can be an anxious time for students, particularly when it comes to securing their intended destinations. We advise that remaining at home is the ideal place for students as it allows them to have access to a phone and the internet. Please do not come to school on results day – we are unable to welcome any students or parents onto school site. All support is available remotely (details below).

Students should access UCAS Track to see whether they have been successful in gaining entry to their chosen universities.

UCAS Clearing is also available for those students who have not been successful in meeting the entry requirements for their chosen universities and would like to see which courses still have places available on them. It is well worth looking at Clearing in advance:

<https://www.ucas.com/clearing-launch>

For those students who have achieved better than expected exam results, UCAS Adjustment allows them to reconsider where and what to study by enabling them to swap their course for another. To learn more about Adjustment:

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/results/ucas-adjustment-if-youve-done-better-expected>

In light of current circumstances, many students may have considered whether or not to defer their place at university. We advise that such a decision should only be made by students following communication with their chosen universities. Any queries about

university accommodation should also involve communication with the universities themselves.

## **Support**

In order to offer support to students and parents a Zoom meeting is available from 8am with Mr MacLellan, the Year 13 Progress Manager, and Mr Garnham, the UCAS Early Entry Coordinator. Early Entry students are advised to make an appointment with Mr Garnham should they require assistance. Appointments can be made using the My Child At School system in the same way as you would make parents' evening appointments.

Ms Morrison, our Careers Advisor, will run a Zoom clinic throughout the morning to offer advice as needed. There is no appointment necessary and a waiting room system will be employed. Mrs Scott, the BL6 Student Support Coordinator, will also be offering a Zoom clinic to support with student wellbeing. Again, there is no appointment necessary and a waiting room system will be employed. Anyone who does not have access to a computer or device which supports Zoom, can book an appointment in the same way via My Child At School; please let us know you would like this to be a telephone meeting, by calling the school number: 01270 625663.

The Zoom IDs and passwords are as follows:

Mr MacLellan - meeting ID: 944 8111 4410. Password: mel62fj

Mr Garnham - meeting ID: 964 2500 4057. Password: 1308JGM

Ms Morrison - meeting ID: 986 2744 1915. Password: 7y62a5

Mrs Scott - meeting ID: 756 852 2423. Password: BL6support

An email will be sent to parents and students at 08.00 on results day providing the above details once again.

## **Centre Assessed Grades**

As you will be aware, results this year have been generated with Centre Assessed Grades as a start point and standardised by exam boards and Ofqual. [This document](#) from Ofqual explains the process at a glance, or [this video](#) if you have more time. Please be assured that:

- The grades centres submitted to the exam boards were agreed by the centre following an internal quality assurance process and are not the sole responsibility of any individual teacher.
- The standardisation model developed by Ofqual and the awarding organisations is statistical and may not reflect the grades submitted by the centre.
- The standardisation process applied by the exam boards ensures grades awarded this year are consistent with those awarded to other cohorts in other years.

- This was the fairest possible approach available under extreme circumstances. It is a rigorous process which means that grades awarded this year are as valid as in any other year.
- This will allow pupils to progress to the next stage of their lives in the normal way

## Appeals

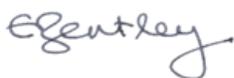
Dissatisfaction with the grades issued by exam boards does not constitute grounds for appeal, unless there is evidence that there has been a technical error by the centre or the board. Page 13 of [this document](#) provides details. Students who wish to appeal the process should email [bl.exams@brineleas.co.uk](mailto:bl.exams@brineleas.co.uk) under the subject heading of 'Appeal Request' detailing the subjects about which they wish to appeal. The deadline is **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Autumn Exams

The government has also confirmed that students who feel that their grades from the summer do not reflect their ability will have the opportunity to take their exams in the autumn series or in summer 2021. If they choose to do this, students will be able to use the higher of the two grades for future progression. Ofqual's plans for these are available [here](#). Students who wish to be entered for an exam in Autumn 2020 should email [bl.exams@brineleas.co.uk](mailto:bl.exams@brineleas.co.uk) under the subject heading of 'Autumn Entry' detailing the subjects for which they would like to be entered. The deadline to contact the Exams Office for autumn entry is **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**.

We would like to wish all students the very best in their future, wherever you choose to go. Brine Leas values the relationships we foster with you and we love to hear of your achievements once you have flown our nest. If you would like to stay in touch via our Alumni programme, please contact [alumni@brineleas.co.uk](mailto:alumni@brineleas.co.uk)

Kindest regards,



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