



## GCSE results – update for parents/carers

We hope you are all safe and well. We wrote to you recently explaining that we would be in touch to communicate details of GCSE results day, as well as the process of awarding centre-assessed grades.

This letter includes details of the distribution GCSE/BTEC results. Our plans will remain under continual review in light of government updates and guidance and associated risk assessments, but we will communicate any changes if necessary.

GCSE, BTEC and Cambridge National exam results are due to be published on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**.

## Centre-assessed grades

As previously explained, schools and colleges were asked to use their professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade they believe a student would have achieved had they sat their exams this year. To make sure that grades are fair between schools and colleges, exam boards will put all centre assessment grades through a process of standardisation using a model developed with Ofqual. The standardisation model will draw on the following sources of evidence: historical outcomes for our school; the prior attainment (Key Stage 2 SATs) of this year's students and those in previous years within our school; and the expected national grade distribution for the subject given the prior attainment of the national entry. The exam board will consider GCSE data from 2018 and 2019, except where there is only a single year of data from the reformed specifications. We have been warned by Ofqual and the exam boards that all schools are likely to see a number of grades changed by the statistical models described above and some students will receive a different grade from that submitted by the school.

We have been instructed by Ofqual not to share the submitted grades with students, parents and carers; this will continue to be the case once the finalised grades are published in August. With this in mind, our staff will not be able to discuss with you any differences between the published exam results and those that were initially submitted to the exam boards, by us, in June.

There will not be an opportunity to appeal results in respect of the operation or outcome of the statistical standardisation model described above. However, appeals will be allowed in cases where a clerical error was made when submitting grades; or similarly, if we believe an exam board has made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade.

I would like to reassure you that all teams have worked extremely hard to ensure that all the relevant evidence was carefully considered and checked before grades were submitted to make sure they were as accurate as possible and a fair reflection of the work of each student.

## Results day

We know that many students will want to come to school to collect their results on 20<sup>th</sup> August, we also know that many students will be more cautious. We would like to make sure that students are able to mark the day as they wish, and also to provide the results as quickly as possible.



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Therefore, we are offering four options for how to receive the results:

- These can be emailed to the student's school email address on the morning of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Students will be able to access their emails using their school login and password on gmail.
- A hard copy can be posted on results day to the student (and will arrive 2-3 days later)
- Students can request an appointment for them to come and collect the results from school on 20<sup>th</sup> August at a designated time between 10am and 12noon. Places will be limited to ensure that we can maintain social distancing and avoid congregations outside the school.
- Students can email Mrs. Wright, Exams Officer, on [jwright@glossopdale.school](mailto:jwright@glossopdale.school) from their school email address and give permission for a parent/carer to collect the results on their behalf on the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> August, at a designated time

A Google Form will be made available on the Year 11 Google Classroom; here, students can make their selection. If students need their email address or login details for Google Classroom, please send a message to [info@glossopdale.school](mailto:info@glossopdale.school) and we will reset their password.

If we do not receive a request by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, we will post the results to the student's home address.

If students opt to collect their results from school, we will inform them of their time via Google Classroom as well as emailing parents.

GCSE/BTEC Results Day is also the time for students to enrol in Sixth Form for many of our Year 11 students. The process this year will be as follows:

- students who opt to come into school to receive their GCSE results will automatically be allocated a Sixth Form enrolment appointment to confirm their subject choices.
- Students who receive their results via email will be given a phone call appointment time
- Students who opt to receive their results via post will be required to email their final subject choices through to Mrs Flaherty [fflaherty@glossopdale.school](mailto:fflaherty@glossopdale.school) where any issues will be dealt with and a member of the Sixth Form team will contact those that require further advice as soon as they are able to do so

Further information regarding Sixth Form enrolment and induction will be emailed before the end of term.

If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, please let us know.

Kind regards,

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