

St Gabriel's

Roman Catholic High School



Dear Year 11 parent / carer / pupil,

We are writing to update you on plans for the release of the GCSE results on Thursday 20th August 2020. This is an important moment for all our young people and we hope to offer congratulations where due and support where needed.

On Thursday, 20th August 2020:

Pupils can collect them from 9.00am – 11.00 am. We will adhere to regulations regarding personal safety. When arriving at school, only pupils are to enter through the second main entrance at the front of the school. Staff will be present to welcome and help them.

- They will be guided to the bottom yard and from there they will enter the hall from a supervised queue.
- They will collect their GCSE results, year 11 books, yearbook and hoodies. Staff will be present to provide assistance and support.
- Once results are collected pupils, when ready, will leave the school via the exit near the girls' toilet (and so can be collected from the main carpark if needed).
- Everyone present on site is to observe social distancing protocols.

For results that are not collected during the designated time, they will be available from the school on an individual basis until 2pm, pupils must report to the main reception to collect them.

We are unable to give results over the phone; however you can send us a stamped addressed envelope (FAO Mrs Flinn) and your results will be put into the post on results day.

You can also nominate someone to collect, but you must write to Mrs Flinn (exams@st-gabriels.org.uk) stating who will be collecting your results and that person must bring photo ID with them. Again, only nominated person can enter school site.

If you are unable to attend due to shielding, you can request your results to be emailed to your child's school email address.

You must not attend if you or a member of your household is displaying and Covid symptoms, or you are isolating.

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With regards to this year's situation, on 18th March 2020 the Secretary of State for Education announced that exams scheduled for the summer will not take place. Following this announcement Ofqual, with all awarding organisations, worked out the best manner in which grades would be determined.

All schools nationwide were asked to prepare grades for each subject for which candidates were entered. In order to be able to set the grade a full range of available evidence had to be taken into the account including: progress review data, classwork, bookwork, and/or participations in performances in subject such as music, drama and PE on any non-exam assessment (NEA), even if this has not been fully completed, performance on any class of homework assessment and mock exams taken over the course of study.

Due to the unforeseen circumstances and difference in awarding grades this year, the appeals process is also very different.

Appeal cannot be made against:

1. School's centre assessment grades, rankings and procedures used by the centre.

Candidates can only:

1. Ask their centre to check whether they made an error when submitting a centre assessment grade and including them in the centre's rank order,
2. Appeal to exam board on the grounds that exam board used the wrong data when calculating grades, and/or incorrectly communicated calculated grades.

Exam boards will only consider appeals submitted by centres, not by student directly.

Should you require any guidance or support the pastoral staff and senior leadership will be on hand in Resource Centre.

Yours Sincerely

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