

Dear Students,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe.

As you know the Post 16 results will be made available by the exam boards on Thursday, 13th August 2020. Due to the ongoing concerns around COVID 19, we have decided that all students' results will be sent out via email on that day, in order to ensure that we can maintain social distancing and keep everyone safe. Your results will be sent to your **school email address(es)** by 1.00pm*. If you do not receive this email by 1.00pm please contact the relevant exams officer by email. We recognise that this is a much-awaited event and one that is often filled with mixed emotion and so please read the following advice carefully.

On the day

- Don't go on social media - it's tempting to see how others have done, but try not to compare yourself with your peers
- Don't feel rushed into making any decisions, it's important to take time to process your results and next steps if you need it. We will be available to see you on the Friday by appointment if you need support with UCAS, please just email Ms Belger or Ms Pooley for Sydenham and Mr Maton or Ms Woolf for Forest Hill and also complete the form below
- Remember that there are always options and we are here to help
- Click on the [link](#) to let us know what your next steps are and if you need any additional support

Appealing centre assessed grades

The government has emphasised the importance of students not being disadvantaged by these unprecedented circumstances and have therefore made the following arrangements for appeals this summer:

- If a student has evidence of bias or discrimination, then this should be raised with the centre and can be investigated by an exam board
- Students can request a review of the centre's decision to not appeal to an exam board
- Please use this link for the full Ofqual guidance on appeals [here](#).

Requesting the opportunity to resit:

An important feature of the overall arrangements this summer is the planned additional exam series in the autumn, which will provide an opportunity for students unable to receive a calculated grade, and others who would like the opportunity to improve their grade, to take an exam. The link to the actual guidance is here: [Ofqual guidance on the Autumn 2020 exam series](#)

The exact timetable for this exam series is yet to be confirmed.

UCAS Advice:

- Have your Track sign in details handy and [update your contact details](#) if you need to
- Make sure you are available on results day, UCAS can't speak to anyone else about your application details unless you [give them nominated access](#) to speak on your behalf
- Hopefully you will get the exam grades you need, but if you just miss out, the university or college might accept you anyway.
- You might get a place on either your firm or insurance choice, depending on your results.

- You might be offered an alternative by the university/college – a 'changed course offer' (which you will need to accept or decline).
- You might not get a place, but you can search through the UCAS Clearing service to see what courses still have vacancies.
- If no decisions are showing, give your universities or colleges a call to find out more.
- If you had a conditional firm offer you met and exceeded, you might be curious about courses with higher entry requirements. If so, you can see what's available in the UCAS Adjustment service.
- If you have a place well done! Your Confirmation letter should appear in Track five to seven days after your place is confirmed. (Your letter is not emailed or posted to you.)
- Make sure you check your Confirmation letter carefully – it will say if there is anything else you need to do, or if your university or college will be in touch with further instructions; maybe to provide proof of your qualifications or medical requirements for example.

You can find details of UCAS Clearing [here](#)

You can find more details of this advice on the UCAS website [here](#)

For help with Apprenticeships please use the National Careers Service site below for information on apprenticeships, training and work www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

We are extremely proud of all our Year 13 students at SFH6. Your ability to adapt and change is not measured by a qualification, but this is an invaluable life-long skill that will support you with your future journey. We look forward to hearing all about your next steps so please stay in touch with us – you will always be SFH6!

NB:

Exam Officers

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Yours faithfully

Gill Pooley Rachel Woolf Ms Belger Mr Maton

* Please note that exams officers intend to get results out by 1pm but please be aware that occasionally this process may be delayed by technical issues