

3 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 GCSE Results Day & Pre A Level Reports

As term ends and Year 11 students look to the long summer ahead, I am writing to share with you the arrangements for the GCSE Results Day on Thursday 20 August as well as refer you to this term's Pre A Level Course Reports, out today.

Results Day will take place virtually, via email and telephone, with recourse to a video call if necessary, and will commence with students receiving their GCSE results, sent to them at 0830 via email along with a covering letter from me; there will also be a recorded message of congratulations from me on the College website. Students will then have some time to digest their grades before entering into a short meeting with a member of staff to reflect on the grades achieved and consider the next steps. A summary of the schedule is as follows:

Timings	Event & Action	Staff
0830	College staff release results via email	Administration
0930 onwards	Calls to students individually to discuss results. An indication of when each call will come through will be emailed in the first phase from 0830. College Admissions team is available to take calls from potential prospective students to the Sixth Form.	Senior Leaders Admissions
1230	All communications complete. Staff meeting to review any further actions from the morning.	Senior Leaders

While this year's determination of grades is different from all other years, the GCSE grades will either confirm a student's A Level choices or prompt a reconsideration of the most appropriate A Level combination for students continuing at St Dunstan's College Sixth Form.

Senior Members of Staff who will be the people telephoning you after the publication of results:

Mr Brewer – Assistant Head, Head of Sixth Form

Mrs Davies – Acting Deputy Head (Pastoral)

Mr Elmes – Assistant Head, Curriculum

Mr Gower – Assistant Head, Co-Curriculum

Mr Hewlett – Headmaster

Mr Holmes – Deputy Head (Academic), designate

Mrs Latham – Assistant Head, Director of Studies

Mr O'Dwyer – Assistant Head, Head of Middle School

It is worth re-stating here that Ofqual and the Department for Education have outlined that the normal process of families requesting reviews of marking will not apply to this determination of results. Instead, students who do not feel the grade awarded to them by examination boards reflects their true ability will have the opportunity to sit an exam as soon as is reasonably possible.

This week (Tuesday 30 June), Ofqual issued a statement to clarify its decisions on the Autumn exam series. The decisions are:

- A full suite of exams will be offered at AS, A level and GCSE
- The Autumn series will be exams only. Non-examination assessments will not be included in the autumn series – except for Art & Design
- GCSEs will take place in November (exact dates will be confirmed by JCQ/awarding bodies in the coming weeks). Results are expected to be published in February.
- Reviews of marking will be available as normal.
- Entries for the autumn exam series will only be accepted for students who were entered for the summer 2020 exam series.
- Awarding bodies are required to issue a new certificate if student requests that their certificate only shows their best grade.

The school will undertake its own planning and preparation for this Autumn series and we will be in contact in due course with families who wish their child to take GCSE examinations in November.

Pre A Level Course Reports

Finally, a sincere well done to students for contributing to this term's Pre A Level courses. The reports for these will be emailed to parents and carers early next week and specific guidance and advice made for anyone who is intending to pursue the subject at A Level. Students should read these and take on board the advice for summer reading and consolidation in preparation for A Level courses commencing in September. Access to the Microsoft Teams course materials will continue through the summer and there are additional links to enrichment tasks on Firefly and more broadly.

Good luck!

While this year has been like no other, and the Results Day this year cannot be an occasion to meet together in person, I wish all students the very best as they look to the summer and beyond. It has been a pleasure to see them develop and grow through the Middle School and I hope that their summer GCSE results will allow them to select subjects and build future careers which are now very much of their own choosing. I wish them all the very best in their futures.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Paul O'Dwyer
Head of Middle School