



Monday, 22 August 2022

Dear Student,

Re: GCSE Exam Results Day – Thursday 25th August 2022

I hope you are all well and have had a good summer so far. As you know, the GCSE results will be made available by the exam boards on Thursday, 25th August 2022. Your results will be **mailed to your school email address at 8am** that morning. If you wish to collect your results in person, they will be available between 9-11am, in school on that morning.

If you are unable to collect them in person and you have not received an email by 9am that day, please email Mr Lake, our Exams Officer: s.lake@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk

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

- Do not go on social media - it's tempting to see how others have done, but try not to compare yourself with your peers
- Do not feel rushed into making any decisions. There are deadlines for making applications to further education providers, but it is important to take time to process your results and next steps if you need it
- Do not forget to note down any important information you may need later, such as phone or reference numbers
- Remember that GCSEs are one stage in your life journey, and there are always options and adults to support you on your way

Autumn Series

If students are disappointed with their grade and would like to improve it, autumn exams will take place in October for A-levels and November for GCSEs. Students should contact Mr Lake, the Exams Officer, if they wish to take an exam.

All communication to Mr Lake should be by email: s.lake@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk

If you have not achieved a grade 4 or above in English or Maths you will re-sit these as part of your 6th Form programme of study.

If you have an offer to study at SFH6 (Sydenham and Forest Hill 6th Form)



If your GCSE results match your conditional offer then we will contact you by email on 25th August to confirm your place and your course. You will be sent a link to a form, which you will need to complete, to let us know that you wish to confirm your place. This link will also allow you to let us know if you would like to request a course change.

If your GCSE results do not match your conditional offer, then we will contact you by email on the afternoon of the 25th August for a meeting on the 26th August. This meeting will give you the opportunity to discuss enrolling on a different course. You will need to reply to the email when you receive it to confirm that you will be attending this meeting. If you are not able to attend a face-to-face meeting, please let us know so that alternative arrangements can be made.

More information about SFH6 enrolment can be found in [this letter](#).

Missed the grades? Get on the phone

- Speak to your chosen 6th Form or college as soon as possible to see if they will still accept you. Even if you cannot study the subjects or qualifications you wanted to, they might be able to fit you onto a different course
- If not, then make a list of alternative providers in the area and call around to see if they can offer you a place
- Remember, there are always other options. Apprenticeships offer the chance to study and earn money at the same time and you can do one in areas such as IT, law, health and education.

Useful contacts

- The Exam Results Helpline (0800 100 900) is open 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week, and is totally free – an experienced careers adviser will be on hand to talk about any anxieties you have and help make a plan for what you could do next
- Get in, go far (<https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide>) is the government's official website for information about apprenticeships, including details about what is available and how to apply
- Prospects (www.prospects.ac.uk) is aimed at A-level and university graduates, but it is a useful place to research careers and find out which subjects or qualifications you need for a chosen career path
- The National Careers Service (<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>) provides information and advice to help you make decisions about learning, training and work.

We are extremely proud of all our Year 11 students at Sydenham, and we would like to congratulate all of you for the resilience and determination that you have demonstrated in order to achieve your results. We wish you all the very best with your future learning journeys



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and hope that if you are not joining us in SFH6, then you will be in touch to let us know how you are getting along.

Good luck and well done!

Yours sincerely,

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