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Information for Summer 2021 Candidates

Dear Parent / Carer

As we near the end of this academic year, there will be many questions that all exam students and you as parents/carers will have after the cancellation of the Summer Exam Series. I hope many will be answered in this letter regarding results, arrangements for results days, appeals, certificates and the Autumn Exam Series.

Results, Appeals, Certificates and Autumn Exam Series

A. Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs)

As you are aware, grades this summer were based on Teacher Assessed Grades. TAGs were submitted to the exam boards by us as a holistic assessment of students' performance in a subject, following a rigorous process of assessment, moderation and quality assurance. For more detailed information about this process, please refer to JCQ's 'Guidance for students, parents and quardians: GCSEs and AS/A Levels in England Summer 2021' and Rednock School's Centre Policy which has been approved by the exam boards.

These grades are currently being reviewed by the exam boards and undergoing external quality assurance checks.

We may be asked to review specific grade sets and submit alternative grades. However, any changes to the grades submitted will be done by professional teachers or reviewers; this year no grades will be changed as a result of an algorithm.

Final Grades

On candidate statements of results (results slips) and certificates, the final grades will be reported in the same way as in previous years.

Final grades will be issued on results day(s) in August as follows:

Date	Qualification type
Tuesday 10 th August 2021	GCE (AS, A Levels) and other Level 3 qualifications
Thursday 12 th August 2021	GCSE and other Level 1/2 qualifications













B. Arrangements for Results Days

GCE A-Level, AS-Level & Level 3 Qualifications Results Day

Date: Tuesday 10th August 2021

Collection Point: Rednock School Main Hall, entrance via the car park off Rednock Drive

Times:

Year 13: 8.30am – 10.30am
Year 12: 11.00am – 12.00pm

GCSE, Level 2 BTEC and Vocational Course Results

Date: Thursday 12th August 2021

Collection Point: Rednock School Main Hall, entrance via the car park off Rednock Drive

Times:

Year 11: 8.30am – 12.00pm

Year 12 & Year 13 GCSE Resits & Level 2 qualifications – Results will be posted out via the Royal Mail

C. The Collection of Results – with regard to social distancing and safety measures:

- 1. Entry into school will be via the car park off Rednock Drive.
- 2. Access into school will be via the doors at the back of the Main Hall.
- 3. **If you are arriving by car** please use the car park, off Rednock Drive, or the main school car park, then walk around to the Rednock Drive entrance. There will be **NO ACCESS through the Main Reception** of the school.
- 4. **Only Students will be able to queue to collect their results.** Parents/Carers or friends should wait in cars or on the Rednock Drive area for the student to exit the school grounds.
 - a. Upon entry into the school building, please would you:
 - b. wear a face mask
 - c. queue and follow the signage for social distancing
 - d. use hand sanitisers on entering and leaving the building.
- 5. Results envelopes will be collected and signed for at a designated station as you enter the building.
- 6. Members of the Senior Leadership Team and 6th Form Staff will be available for 6th Form registrations or advice on results / subject choices / career decisions, in the Main Hall.
- 7. Please use the 'socially distanced' chairs in the 'Waiting Area' until you are able to meet with staff.
- 8. If Interviews are required with a member of the 6th Form Team, accompanied by a parent/carer, regarding registering for the 6th Form please speak to Mrs Linda Wright (seated in the Main Hall).
- 9. On leaving the Main Hall via the exit door, please speak to Mrs Linda Wright regarding your 'intended destination' for September 2021 whether it be University, 6th Form, College, Apprenticeship, or uncertain.
- 10. Please do not arrange to meet family or friends within the school area. Social distancing and health and safety measures must be observed at all times whilst on site.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance.













Not able to collect results on the Results day?

- 1. Any results envelopes not collected on Results Days will be posted out to students by Royal Mail by the afternoon of Friday 13th August 2021.
- 2. Results will not be emailed to students this year except for exceptional circumstances. Please complete this <u>form</u> with details of your situation before Friday 6th August 2021. Please make sure you are logged into your school email account when completing the form.
- 3. You could nominate a 'Representative' to collect your results on your behalf e.g. a relative or close friend, if you are working. They must bring a photographic ID and you must complete this <u>form</u>. The deadline for this is Friday 6th August 2021.
- 4. If the deadline of Friday 6th August for points 2 & 3 are not met, then Results Envelopes will be posted home.

D. Arrangements for Appeals

All students have the opportunity to appeal their grade if they meet the eligibility criteria. The Examination Boards have specified that a parent/ carer cannot appeal a grade, the appeals process has to be initiated by the student. Please see the separate <u>Appeals Process</u> document for more details.

E. Certificates

Certificates, when received from the awarding body, will be issued to candidates mid-November 2021.

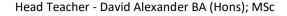
- \cdot Students from Year 11 and Year 12, who have remained in the Rednock 6th Form, will receive their certificates via their Tutors.
- · School Leavers will receive their certificates through the post by Royal Mail Special Delivery (requiring a signature). Please inform the Exam Office of any change of address or preferred address for your Certificates by Monday 1st November 2021. (A change of address form can be found on the School Website 'Exams' section under 'Certificates')

F. The Autumn Exam Series 2021

There will be an additional exam series in Autumn 2021. There will be the option to resit GCSEs, A levels and some AS levels in the autumn, which may be preferable to some students. The design, content and assessment of these papers will be the same as in a normal year.

Who can enter for this exam series?

- If you were entered for a particular subject in the cancelled Summer Exam 2021 series, then you qualify to sit that subject in the Autumn Exam series.
- No new subject entries can be made for this series.
- Only consider an entry if you feel that the grade you have received is not reflective of what you might have achieved had you been able to sit the exam, and does not enable you to get to your chosen destination after leaving school.
- Preparation lessons for this exam series will not be included in the timetabling for September. Revision and preparation will ultimately rest with the student.















In Conclusion

Information is still being prepared for release by the Government, JCQ and Exam Boards over the next few weeks, prior to the results week. As Exams Officer, I will endeavour to update the school website as information becomes available.

The information in this document will hopefully answer many questions and concerns, but should you still have questions, please email the Exams Office: sue.sellar@rednockschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Sellar Exams Officer

For further information on the summer 2021 Awarded Qualifications, please click on the links below:

- JCQ Guidance on the determination of grades for A/AS Levels and GCSEs for Summer 2021
- Infographic: How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021
- https://www.gov.uk/careers-helpline-for-teenagers











