

7th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 students

### **GCSE Updates**

I hope that you and your families are well. I am writing to inform you of a number of important documents that have been uploaded to our website regarding this year's GCSEs. These include a guide for parents, carers and students regarding this year's appeals process, and the evidence base we used to assign grades this year. Please visit the [GCSEs 2021 tab](#) on the school website for the full suite of information.

### **Results Day**

Whilst the GCSE exam season did not take place as originally planned this year, Results Day will go ahead as normal on **Thursday 12th August** and we are really looking forward to welcoming back our Year 11s!

We strongly encourage students to come in and collect their results in person on the day. Please make sure you arrive at the correct time (as per the table below) and enter the school through the **community entrance**. Parents or family members accompanying students will be asked to wait in the car park whilst students collect their results. After students have collected their results from the North Playground, they will have a short one to one meeting with a member of staff to discuss their Post 16 options and plans for September. We have a legal responsibility to ensure that all students have a suitable post 16 placement, so this meeting will be compulsory.

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Time	10.00	10:30	11:00

Students who are **unable** to attend results day must inform the school by 10th August via email on [examoffice12665@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:examoffice12665@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk). Results will be emailed to the students school email address on the day.

Please read on for the answers to some 'frequently asked questions' around Results Day. If you have any queries about the day or the process, please contact me at [pip.bower@heartlands.sch.uk](mailto:pip.bower@heartlands.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher

<b>I will not be able to attend school on Results day - how can I get my results?</b>	We strongly advise that students come into school and collect their results in person. However, we recognise that these are exceptional times. If you know that you will not be able to collect your results on Thursday 12th August, please complete this form, or email the exams office on <a href="mailto:examoffice12665@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk">examoffice12665@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk</a> and we will send your results to your school email address from <b>2pm on 12th August</b> .
<b>What shall I bring with me on results day?</b>	A fully charged mobile phone, a pen and a notepad. You may want to get in touch with family or friends, or need to call colleges and sixth forms about places.
<b>I didn't get a grade 4 in Maths and English that I needed to start my course</b>	<p>The first thing to do if you haven't passed Maths or English with a grade 4 or above is to speak to the staff at the school or college that you are planning to attend or to the training provider for your apprenticeship.</p> <p>Some sixth forms will allow you to start A levels and retake either English or Maths alongside your other qualifications. However, many sixth forms require you to have at least a grade 4 in English and Maths before you start. If you choose to, you can usually resit Maths and English in November - ask your teachers about this.</p> <p>Schools and colleges offer classes to prepare students to retake these GCSEs as it is a government requirement that you keep studying these subjects until you are 18 or achieve a grade 4 in them.</p>
<b>What if I don't get the grades I need?</b>	<p>Don't worry. It might be that you haven't quite met your criteria for your conditional offer. The best thing to do is to call your college/sixth form and tell them your results and see if they will accept you. Don't automatically assume that if you don't get the exact grades they were asking for, you won't get in.</p> <p>If you need to make a different plan, there will be lots of staff on hand in the Library to go through your options with you. We will also be in school on Friday 13th August from 10am - 2pm, so you can take the day to think about your options and come back to speak with us</p>

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<b>Do I have to open my results at school?</b>	We would really like you to open your results at school, so then we can support you with your next steps. However, we know it can be a bit overwhelming, so we will make sure there are private, quiet spaces for you to open your results away from others if you need.
<b>I got the results I need - what next?</b>	Your chosen college or sixth form should have let you know how to confirm your place, and this is usually done via email. Make sure you have read all of your emails carefully, so you know exactly what you need to do to confirm your place. You may have to go straight to the college to confirm your place.
<b>Can I appeal my results?</b>	All information about appeals will be available on our website, and staff will be on hand to talk you through your options.
<b>Can I resit my exams?</b>	Information about resits will be available on Results Day, and there will be lots of staff on hand to talk you through your options.



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