

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students,

It has been particularly difficult this year, with the school year being cut short and GCSE examinations being cancelled; it was however lovely to organise an activity day to celebrate their time at Simon Balle. Speaking to students on the day they seemed to really enjoy the activities, catching up with friends, and of course the customary 'shirt signing'.

As we approach the end of term, I would like to update you regarding arrangements for your child's GCSE Results Day, and the subsequent next steps guidance and advice we will be offering. We hope that, despite the unusual circumstances surrounding this year's exam results, there will be much to celebrate and that students' hard work will be recognised.

### **Collection of Examination Results Thursday 12th August 2021 (08.30am-10.00am)**

We are pleased to announce that the school will be able to hand out the GCSE results to Year 11 students on Thursday 12th August 2021. We are going to organise the collection of results whilst being vigilant of covid and the social distancing measures required. This also means that we are unable to welcome parents/carers into buildings to collect results. Parents must not accompany their child into school and should remain in their cars if they are on-site. It would also be prudent for students to take a LFT before they come into school and wear a mask in buildings.

When students arrive, they should make their way to their designated room via the entrance points stated below.

<b>House (GCSE)</b>	<b>Arrival/departure</b>	<b>Results Room</b>
<b>Ashbourne</b>	<b>Students arrive via 6th form door and use 6th form toilets to wash hands</b>	<b>H1</b>
<b>Beane</b>	<b>Students arrive via Humanities doors and use Humanities toilets to wash hands</b>	<b>G2</b>
<b>Lea</b>	<b>Students arrive via B1/B2 entrance and use a sanitisation station to clean hands</b>	<b>B2</b>
<b>Mimram</b>	<b>Students arrive via PRE entrance and use a sanitisation station to clean hands</b>	<b>R2</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>Students arrive via Maths staircase at 3 storey building entrance and use a downstairs toilets to clean hands</b>	<b>M1</b>

<b>Rib</b>	<b>Students arrive via Maths staircase at 3 storey building entrance and use a downstairs toilets to clean hands</b>	<b>M3</b>
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Should your child not wish to collect their results in person, we are able to email them through our In Touch system. If students are not collecting their results, please ensure you have emailed [exams@simonballe.herts.sch.uk](mailto:exams@simonballe.herts.sch.uk) by Monday 9th August.

As per normal procedures Senior Leaders plus members of the Sixth Form Leadership Team will be available throughout the morning and early afternoon to help with any queries.

For those wishing to continue their education at Simon Balle Sixth Form, in each results envelope, students will be provided with a confirmation form. This form will classify three different options regarding their desired Sixth Form pathway:

- 1.** Students have met the entry requirements for their desired options, and therefore would like to confirm their place at Simon Balle Sixth Form.
- 2.** Students would have met the entry requirements for their original options, but would now like to amend their choices for a different subject.
- 3.** Students have unfortunately not met the entry requirements to access their original options, and therefore are required to choose an alternative pathway.

For those students who simply wish to amend their options (Number 2 above), they will have the opportunity to either do so via a telephone consultation, by calling 01992 410400 Ext 233, or will have the option to join an 'express lane' immediately after receiving their results and have a brief conversation in school in order to check whether there is still availability on their desired course. Please note due to courses already being at capacity, amended options might not always be available.

Students who unfortunately have not met the entry requirements for their desired subject choices (Number 3 above), will require a face-to-face discussion with a member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team in the hall. You will need to book a time by ringing the main school number to make an appointment. Parents may join students for these conversations, but will not be able to queue. Staff will only be able to meet with parents and students once the appointment has been made.

Our career and employment service, HCC Services for Young People, will also be available to offer support on the day and after the results day. Their contact details are HCC Services for Young People:

Local team email: [SfYP.EastHerts@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SfYP.EastHerts@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Local team phone: 01992 588220 / text 'Results' to 07860 065173 with name, DOB, School name

Adviser linked to Simon Balle School: Giles Tilbury

Email: [Giles.Tilbury@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Giles.Tilbury@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Phone: 01992 588944 / 07812 322837

Whilst we hope to be celebrating with our students, it is possible there may be some queries about results and grades. The Summer 2021 Results and Appeals Process will be uploaded to the exams section of the school website before the results day. Should you have any queries, following the publication of results, please contact [exams@simonballe.herts.sch.uk](mailto:exams@simonballe.herts.sch.uk) in the first instance. Individual subject teachers will not be able to address your queries. Please note, we may not be able to respond immediately on the results day.

You may also be aware that when A level and GCSEs were cancelled this year, the government stated that students would have the opportunity to resit their exams in an autumn exam series if they felt that the grade they were awarded did not reflect the one they expected they might achieve. Ofqual has confirmed that a full suite of exams will be offered during the autumn term, although the finer details regarding logistics are still to be confirmed by the exams boards.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our students on how well they have coped with what has been a very challenging few months. We are sorry they did not get the chance to sit your public examinations, but we want you to know that we recognise how hard you worked on the assessments throughout the year and we hope that you will continue to be successful in the future. We also look forward to seeing as many Year 11 students as possible back in September as Simon Balle Sixth Form students.

More than ever this year, we are looking forward to celebrating with our students on results day, as well as supporting them in their next steps.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Moss - Deputy Headteacher