

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 13 Students,

RE: A-Level Results Day 2021

It has been particularly difficult this year with the A-Level and Vocational examinations being cancelled, however we were pleased to organise a series of events giving our Year 13 students the end to their time at Simon Balle they rightly deserved. Despite these challenging times, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you back into the community in the near future.

As we approach the end of term, I would like to update you regarding arrangements for your child's A-Level 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 Tuesday 10th August 2021 (08.30am-10.00am)

We are pleased to announce that the school will be able to hand out the A-Level results to Year 13 students on Tuesday 10th August 2021. We have had to organise the collection of results using the guidance we currently have on social distancing. Unfortunately, this does mean some students will not be able to celebrate a traditional results day experience, and may be asked to wait slightly longer to discuss their next steps, but we must put the health and safety of all first. This also means that we are not able 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 appropriate for students to take a Lateral Flow Test before they arrive 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.

Surname	Arrival/departure	Results Room
A-D	Students arrive via 6th form door and use 6th form toilets to wash hands	H1
E-H	Students arrive via Humanities doors and use Humanities toilets to wash hands	G2
I - L	Students arrive via B1/B2 entrance and use a sanitisation station to clean hands	B2
M-P	Students arrive via PRE entrance and use a sanitisation station to clean hands	R2

Q-S	Students arrive via Maths staircase at 3 storey building entrance and use a downstairs toilets to clean hands	M1
T-Z	Students arrive via Maths staircase at 3 storey building entrance and use a downstairs toilets to clean hands	M3

Should your child not wish to collect their results in person, we are able to email them via our In Touch system. If students are not collecting their results, please ensure you have emailed exams@simonballe.herts.sch.uk by Thursday 5th August.

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

For those looking forward to entering Higher Education, if you receive grades that meet the conditions of the offer from your firm choice of university, then your place is secured.

If your grades do not meet the conditions of your firm choice, the following outcomes could apply:

- Your firm choice could show flexibility and confirm your place, even though your grades are lower than the conditions initially set out. We can help you check this on results day and offer support in contacting the university.
- If your firm choice does not accept you but you have met the grades for your insurance then your insurance choice is confirmed, there could possibly be some flexibility here.
- If neither your firm or insurance accept you, then you're eligible for 'clearing' – further details on clearing can be found [here](#) . With the cap lifted on university places there are likely to be some very attractive offers available during 'clearing' so please don't panic if you find yourself in this situation. We will be here to offer advice and guidance on finding the best fit for you.

Should you have any further questions, please visit our [FAQ page for further information](#).

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

- Local team email: 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
- 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 results day. Should you have any queries, following the publication of results, please contact 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 said 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 thought they might achieve. Ofqual has confirmed that a full suite of exams will be offered in the autumn term. These exams will be scheduled in October (A levels) and November (GCSEs), although the finer details regarding logistics are still to be confirmed by the exam boards.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students and parents on how well they have coped with what has been a very challenging few months. We are sorry that our students did not get the chance to sit their public examinations, but we want you to know that we recognise how hard they worked and we hope that they will continue to be successful in the future.

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