



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents,

Your son/daughter's GCSE results will be available from school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018. They will be available for collection in the School Hall from 9.30 am until 10.30am.

If your son/daughter is unable to collect their results in person, another adult can collect them on their behalf. If this is the case, please can you inform the school office in advance and ask the individual collecting the results to bring suitable identification with them.

Any result slips that are not collected will be posted out to the last known address on our system. If your address has changed please notify us immediately to allow us to update our system and ensure your results are posted to the correct address.

Please note that the actual certificates, which we receive at a later date, will be formally presented to all Year 11 students at the annual Class of 2018 GCSE Awards Evening, held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, at 6pm in the School Hall.

The Heads of House will be available during the morning to support students and offer advice and guidance linked to their college applications and we encourage all our students to discuss any questions or concerns they may.

Reminder regarding the new GCSE results:

As you are aware the old and new GCSE grading scales do not directly compare but, as the information below shows, there are three points where they align:

- The bottom of grade 7 is aligned with the bottom of grade A;
- The bottom of grade 4 is aligned with the bottom of grade C;
- The bottom of grade 1 is aligned with the bottom of grade G.

Although the new GCSE's have covered more challenging content, this won't mean students get a lower grade than they might have under the old system. Ofqual the exams regulator, will ensure that broadly the same proportion of students will get grades 1, 4 and 7 and above as would have got grades G, C or A and above. However, the highest grade 9 will be awarded to fewer students than a current A\* as it represents a higher standard.

We very much look forward to celebrating the culmination of five years hard work with your child and wish them every success for the future as they embark on their next steps on their chosen education or career pathway. If you have any queries regarding any of the points raised please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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