

July 2021

Dear Parents and Year 11 students

I am writing to you today to give you some key information regarding the plan for Results Day. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our Year 11 students and hope to see as many as possible on the day. Last Year our results day was restricted and we were not able to gather all of the students in one place, so we are relieved that we can now celebrate all that they have achieved and congratulate them together as a year group.

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 12th August 2021

The results will be issued in the Hub Avenue from 9.00am on Thursday 12th August. Students are invited to collect their results between 9.00am and 1pm, after this time any remaining results will be posted to your home address. If you are unable to collect your results in person but would like to designate an adult to collect them, we will need to have an email from your school account with details of who you wish to collect the results. The designated adult will then need to provide photo identification when they collect your results. Please email exams@budmouth-aspirations.org to arrange this in advance.

Appeals & Autumn Exams

As this year's grades are being effectively awarded by the students' teachers, we hope that the vast majority will be happy with their outcomes. The Awarding Bodies are working with The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) to provide a process that students can follow if they believe that an error has been made, or that the Teacher Assessment Grade is incorrect. In all cases the first step to making an inquiry about a grade in any subject is to email the dedicated address for this: examappeals@budmouth-aspirations.org

A member of staff will then make contact to outline the process that will take place. This will differ depending on the query that has been raised. Students and parents are advised that the process must be followed and that members of teaching staff should not be contacted directly. JCQ have advised that what they call 'priority appeals' will endeavour to be conducted between 10th August and 20th August. These have been defined by them as appeals by students at Level 3 (6th Form) who are applying to Higher Education and have not been successful in attaining their first choice place. If the query or appeal about a grade does not meet this criteria then it will be treated as a 'non priority appeal' and dealt with by the 10th September. GCSE results are all therefore regarded by JCQ as 'non priority' and are unlikely to be finalised until 10th September. We do understand that GCSE results can have an impact on Post 16 course entry and we will endeavour to support our students with this.

It has been confirmed that if a student is unhappy with the grade awarded by the examining body, they will have the opportunity to sit any of their exams during the autumn term if they wish to do so. GCSE exam entries need to be requested in early September and the exams will take place in November. When we have more information about this we will make it available for you.

Support for Post 16 courses and choices

A team of 6th form staff will be available on results day to discuss the options available to you should your results be better than you expected or worse. Members of the 6th form team will also be available on the following day for advice and guidance - Friday 13th August between 9.00am and 12.30pm in the Hub avenue. Alternatively, you can request a member of the Sixth Form team contact you at home on Friday 13th using the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/arpePDcswR7pYZ3W8>

Library books and other school resources

Please could we ask that you check to see if you have any books or other school resources that have been borrowed. If you do, please can these be returned in the box in the foyer outside the Main Office. Alternatively, there will also be a box on Results Day in the Avenue.

Leavers' hoodies

Hoodies will be available for collection from a member of staff in the Hub on Results Day.

Lastly, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your Head of School or Pete Hudson: phudson@budmouth-aspirations.org.

We wish you all a relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you on results day.

Yours sincerely

Peter Hudson
Vice Principal