



Bishop David Brown School

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Tuesday 7th July 2020

Re: GCSE results day, 20th August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you with an update as to the plans for GCSE results day this August 20th 2020. We are pleased to announce that we are able to offer the opportunity for students to come on site to collect their results in much the same way as in previous years, but with some important changes and additions. We cannot wait to see as many students as possible on this day.

We are asking the students to come on site by themselves, as space will not allow for a form of social distancing as well as accommodating parents/carers. If parents/carers are waiting beyond the school gate, we ask that you respect the government guidance on social distancing.

We are asking for students whose surnames begin with a particular letter to attend in various time slots throughout the day; students **must stick to these times**, as we will not be able to accommodate requests for changes.

The timings for the day will be as follows:

| IF YOUR SURNAME STARTS WITH: | YOU MUST ATTEND BETWEEN THESE TIMES: |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A-E | 9am-10am |
| F-J | 10am-11am |
| K-O | 11am-12pm |
| P-S | 12pm-1pm |
| T-Z | 1pm-2pm |

Students will be registered and clearly guided through a one-way system to collect their results as well as their hoodies and yearbooks (if ordered) from different stations. There will also be a station for any student who needs to return their locker key and organise a refund of their deposit. Any money left over on a student's account for the canteen will be refunded electronically.

We would also welcome donations of old uniform on the day.

There will also be a separate station for students who have any queries about their results. At this stage, we should also be able to share with students and parents the deadlines and conditions for entering exams in the Autumn Term, should anyone really want to do so. Please note that these plans are subject to change and we will write again if there are any further updates.



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I will again reiterate that the school went through very rigorous processes to arrive at the grades we recommended the exam boards. I would also like to remind students and parents/carers that exam boards will moderate and standardise these recommended grades for all students across the country and that all schools have been told to expect that there will be some changes. I include an infographic from Ofqual (the qualifications regulator) which helps to explain this. Unfortunately, we are not privy to the processes that they will apply to complete this standardisation.

Please find some questions and answers below that students may find helpful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support. Please email bdbs@surrey.sch.uk should you have any immediate questions about the day itself.

Yours sincerely

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Some questions and answers that students may find helpful:

Q. What happens if I am unable to attend on the day?

A. *Should a student already know that they will not be available on 20th August, we will welcome self-addressed and stamped envelopes between now and the end of term for us to post these on. We would take receipt of this as acknowledgment that the results will not be collected in person. These envelopes should make it clear which student they are for and can be left with the front office (any day between 10am-2pm until 17th July).*

Q. What happens if I do not attend on the day? Can somebody else collect the results for me?

A. *Should a student not attend on the day itself, we will post their results via second-class post on the 20th August. Should another person (normally a relative) need to collect them on the day, this must be organised before the 17th July and the individual will be asked to show identification.*

Q. What happens if the time allocated for my surname does not suit me?

A. *Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate requests for changing the allocated time either before the 20th or on the day itself.*

Q. What happens if the government's guidance on social distancing changes between now and 20th August?

A. *We will adhere to these plans as closely as possible, and will write again should anything change in the meantime.*

Q. Can I appeal the results that I receive?

A. *You cannot challenge the professional judgement of the school or the processes used by the exam boards to standardise the recommended grades.*

Q. Am I able to take the exam if I want?

A. *Ofqual have confirmed that students who wish to sit an exam should be able to do so. Once we know the details, costs and deadlines for this, we will let you know as soon as possible. We would strongly advise thinking this decision through very carefully.*

Q. What if I want to collect things from school?

A. *We will not be able to offer this on the 20th August, but we will be in touch again in the Autumn Term with details of how this could be accommodated.*

Q. What are the plans for celebrating our time at BDB?

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