



Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Principal: Mr E Hodges



20th July 2020

Dear Parents

A level and GCSE Results Days, 13th & 20th August 2020

We look forward to seeing our senior students collect their results in August. We've had to make a few changes to how the process will work, which are outlined here, along with some other important information.

Background

- On 18 March 2020, the Secretary of State for Education announced that the summer 2020 GCSE and A level exam series would be cancelled. Schools and colleges were asked to use their professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade they believe a student would have achieved had they sat their exams this year, taking into account the full range of available evidence.
- To make sure that grades are fair across all schools and colleges nationally, exam boards will put all centre assessment grades through a standardisation process using a model developed with Ofqual. This means that the centre assessment grades submitted by the schools, and the final grade that students receive, could differ. It also means that adjustments to centre assessment grades might be different in different subjects.

Results collection

- To avoid excessive crowding and long periods of time queuing to receive their results, students should arrive at staggered intervals as detailed in the table below.

Bridge 9.00am	Pitt 9.30am	Tower 10am
Castle 9.10am	River 9.40am	
Gordon 9.20am	Thetford 9.50am	

- Entry to the school site will be separated into two: the main pedestrian gate on Maidstone Road and the sixth form pedestrian gate.
- Students whose surname starts with the letters A through L are to enter through the Main Pedestrian gate.
- Students whose surname starts with the letters M through Z are to enter through the sixth form gate.
- Students should then make their way to the **Main Hall** following the signage, and collect their results from the table corresponding to their surname. Exit points will be signposted.

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5	Table 6	Table 7
A-B	C-G	H-K	L-M	N-R	S	T-V

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After results collection

- Sixth Form admission / university / apprenticeship / employment issues can be addressed in the Study Centre.
- Room 603 will be open for IT access.
- The picnic bench areas will be available for use but students should move off site as quickly as possible unless they require help and support.
- Students wishing to know their Centre Assessed Grades, for urgent admission or progression purposes, to allow comparison with their actual grades, should go to Room 1, opposite the sixth form centre.
- Those who wish to know their Centre Assessed Grades, but less urgently, should email laura.mackay@sjwms.org.uk
- Subsequent conversations about Centre Assessed Grades should not be held with subject staff or Heads of Department. Such enquiries should be directed towards members of the Senior Leadership Team. Please go to Reception if you wish to make an appointment.

Re-takes

- Any student who believes a grade they receive this summer does not reflect their ability will also be eligible to sit an exam in the autumn. Exam boards must offer the full suite of GCSE, AS and A level qualifications for examination in the autumn.
- Students may take exams in as many subjects as they wish. If a student seeks to take exams in a particular subject, they will be required to take all the exam papers relating to that subject.
- The format of exam papers will be the same as those usually offered in the summer.
- Where a student has been awarded a grade this summer below the centre assessed grade submitted by the school, the cost of autumn examination will be paid by the school. The cost of sitting an examination where grades awarded are equal to or above the submitted centre assessed grade must be paid for by parents.

What will be in the results envelope?

- Overall A level/GCSE grades for each subject.
- Details about what a student can do if they believe the results process this summer was not followed correctly in their case.
- For Year 11 students, details about what to do next to confirm their sixth form place, change an A level option or apply for a sixth form place (if they have not done so already).
- For Year 11 students, details about what to do if their grades do not allow them to take up an offered place.
- For Year 13 students, details about UCAS Track.

Kind regards

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