



# Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Principal: Mr E Hodges



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Dear Parent/Guardian

We look forward to welcoming your sons to collect their GCSE results tomorrow, details of the process of collection have already been sent and are on the website.

I am sure you are aware of the publicity surrounding results this year. It was confirmed on Monday that results will largely be based on the school's Centre Assessed Grades (CAG). Therefore, the results collected tomorrow will be the best of the Centre Assessed Grade and the grade created by Ofqual's algorithm.

Given these results have largely been created by the school, it is important that both pupils and parents understand how they were generated. Each department followed the same process. A combination of Year 11 Mock exam, Year 10 End of Year Exam, progress in Coursework and then classwork and homework were used. The weighting of these 4 elements varied depending on each subject and how it is assessed. These results were then reviewed for every department to ensure that they were consistent with previous years and the pupils' performance relative to previous year groups. There was also a Trust moderation process and the results were reviewed by Governors.

Despite the fact that the overall grades are very positive and the majority of pupils have done very well, as with all exam series there will be a small number of pupils who are going to be disappointed. There will be appeals information that is in the results pack if you need guidance on what to do next. However, please be aware that you can only appeal your CAG if you feel there has been an administrative error. There will be plenty of staff available on results day to offer support and guidance. Please do not leave school until you know what your next step is and make sure you ask if you are in any way unsure.

Finally, I would draw pupils and parents' attention to the information in the results pack tomorrow about confirming acceptance of your sixth form place. It is very important that this is done by the deadline set to enable us to make prompt offers to external candidates. Please can you ensure that you accept your sixth form offer as detailed in the results pack.

Best wishes

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