



15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

## GCSE Results Day & 6<sup>th</sup> Form Enrolment – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Students' results will be available for collection on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August from the Theatre Workshop. Students are very welcome to come into school to collect their results but please be reminded that social distancing measures will be in place and group photos inside will not be possible. Parents who wish to accompany their child on the day will need to wait in the carpark and we will not be able to allow any people other than Year 11 students into the building.

Students will be able to pick results up in one of the following 4 collection timeslots, depending on alphabetical order of their surname:

Timeslot	Students
8.30am – 9am	Surnames between: A - D
9-9.30am	Surnames between: D – K
9.30-10am	Surnames between: L – R
10-10.30am	Surnames between: S – Z

Should students be unable to collect results themselves, a parent / guardian may collect them on their behalf from the main reception from 11am – 1pm. Should this be the case, students must email me in by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at [john.walter@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:john.walter@avonbourneacademy.org.uk) with their full name, tutor group to confirm who will be picking them up so necessary arrangements can be made with the exams office. Any results not collected by 1pm will be posted home that afternoon.

As you will know, due to the COVID-19 lockdown, no GCSE exams have taken place this summer. This means that grades will be directly awarded by Ofqual (the exams regulator) who will award grades based on a centre assessment that each school has submitted for every student in each of their relevant subjects. This centre-assessed grade (CAG) is what subject teachers have judged, based on their professional expertise and experience, would be the most likely grade each student would have received had they sat a GCSE exam in that subject. We would like to remind all students and parents that **Avonbourne Academy will honour all 6<sup>th</sup> Form offers based on CAGs**, even if Ofqual grades are different. Please also find attached a FAQ document for your son / daughter that will hopefully address any concerns they have prior to the day.

All students will have an individual meeting with a member of staff on results day to confirm their intended destination, whether that be the United Sixth Form here at Avonbourne, or another institution they choose

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to continue their education at.

Staff across the school will of course be available to support students after 20<sup>th</sup> August in helping them make the best decisions and discussing with them their options following the awarding of the grades.

With best wishes,

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## Student FAQs

### How was my grade awarded?

Your grades were awarded through a process whereby your teachers decided on the grade they felt you were most likely to achieve in their subject. This is called a Centre Assessed Grade (CAG). They then worked together with other teachers in the department to rank each student within that grade, with those at the top of the rank most likely to achieve the grade awarded and those at the bottom of the rank least likely to achieve it. The CAGs were sent off to the Department of Education (DFE), who standardised them against results at Avonbourne College or Harewood College over the last few years. The DFE made changes to CAGs in areas where they felt we were awarding grades too generously or too cautiously. For example, if they felt we had awarded too many 5s in maths based on the number of grade 5s our students have achieved in previous years, they will have changed the 5s at the bottom of the rank of 5s to 4s.

### I think there has been a mistake in one or more of the grades I have been awarded

Staff have looked carefully at your results and will know if it looks like an error has been made. If you have been awarded a grade that is wildly different to what you were expecting based on mock results and recent predictions, approach a member of the senior team on results day who will be able to tell you if an error is likely and will advise you on what to do next. After results day, you should contact Mrs Dyer at [michelle.dyer@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:michelle.dyer@avonbourneacademy.org.uk) to discuss any concerns linked to this.

### I have reason to believe that I have been a victim of bias or prejudice in the grades I have been awarded

Please come and speak to a member of SLT on results day if you would like to discuss this. After results day, you should contact Mrs Dyer at [michelle.dyer@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:michelle.dyer@avonbourneacademy.org.uk) to discuss any concerns linked to this.

### I want to consider sitting my examinations in the additional autumn series

Any student who wishes to can sit their examinations in the autumn. We will enter you for these and it is likely – although not yet confirmed – that they will be sat here at Avonbourne. Your result will only change if you achieve a grade better than the one you were awarded through the CAG process. Please come and register your interest on results day. We will ask you to leave your name and contact details so a member of staff can contact you to discuss this in the next couple of days. After results day, you should contact Mrs Dyer at [michelle.dyer@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:michelle.dyer@avonbourneacademy.org.uk) to request a chat about this.

### I haven't achieved a 4 or above in English and/or mathematics

Students who do not achieve a 'standard pass' in English and/or mathematics do not need to register with us to re-sit the examinations. Your post-16 education or training provider will arrange this for you.

### I have no reason to believe I have any ground for appeal against the grades I have been awarded, but I don't have what I need to access my chosen post-16 path

We can advise you on results day. After results day you should contact Mr. Walter if you want to do A Levels or vocational qualifications at [john.walter@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:john.walter@avonbourneacademy.org.uk).

### I would like to know what CAGs I was awarded by teachers at Avonbourne prior to the DFE standardisation

You can speak to SLT on the day about this or email [deborah.hillier@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:deborah.hillier@avonbourneacademy.org.uk) after the 20<sup>th</sup> August.

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