



Tomlinscote School

6 July 2020

Dear Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers,

I thought I should keep you up-to-date with the latest information from Ofqual that has impact upon our Year 11 students and also inform everyone how we will manage the distribution of GCSE grades in August. The details are outlined below but first I am really pleased to share with you a link to the Tomlinscote Art and Photography Exhibition. It is a lovely collection of Year 11 work that emphasises what a talented group of students we have at the school. I cannot imagine how many hours of work it took to produce those brilliant pieces of work. I hope you also enjoy the gallery.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQ5kc4uhgld_rpbMLB9HHYgkKH-p4T6Gn-WD48tu5JVAZIVAT-ZFYfAHGy5HuRiBY_zOJCr4igAR00U/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=60000

Arrangements for 20th August 2020 – GCSE Results Day

We decided that we will still expect students to attend the school in order to collect their GCSE results. This is our normal practice and allows students to experience the results amongst their peers, teachers and parents. In order for this to happen safely we have organised the following measures for distribution.

1. Students will collect their results in form groups at allocated times.
2. We will have 3 distribution areas with a different entrance and exit point.
3. Hand sanitiser will be available.
4. Students will collect their own GCSE envelope – only students (not parents) can collect the envelope. If a student cannot collect their own envelope, for some reason, then they must complete a document that allows their parent to collect it instead. That document is attached in the email and must be brought along on the day.
5. Students can then go onto the playground or open the results at home if they wish.

| 20th August 2020 | Main Hall | Drama Studio | Sports Hall |
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| 9.00am-9.30am | 11R | 11H | 11Q |
| 9.45am-10.15am | 11G | 11P | 11K |
| 10.30am-11.00am | 11X | 11Y | 11M |

Ofqual have stated that they will be producing “accessible information and have a helpline available to students and their parents or carers to talk about the appeals process and any other questions they may have about their results this summer”. When I have those details, I will share them with you. If anyone has a query regarding the above arrangements then please email examsdepartment@tomlinscoteschool.com for support.

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Autumn Exam Series

Please see the Ofqual document by clicking on the link, however I have summarised the key points below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/896446/Autumn_Series_2020_Consultation_Decisions_300620.pdf

- The GCSE examinations will be in November 2020.
- Exams in November should be of the same number in each subject and in the same format as the summer 2020 exams would have been had they not been cancelled.
- With the exception of Art and Design, grades will be based on exam performance alone, with no non-exam assessment (NEA).
- We will require the exam boards to issue to any student who requests one, a replacement certificate to show the higher of their summer and autumn grades.
- The exam boards must adopt the normal arrangements for reviews of marking and appeals

I hope that this keeps you informed of the latest information and I will see everyone in August.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Major
Principal