

Formby High School

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Dear Parent & Student

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 20 August 2020

We are approaching the Year 11 results day and the time when we will be welcoming students back to our Sixth Form or supporting students who are moving on from Formby High School. The purpose of this letter is to outline the arrangements for the collection of results and enrolment at Formby High School Sixth Form. In addition, the process used to determine the grades for GCSEs and vocational qualifications will be explained.

Collection of Results

Unless national or local circumstances regarding the Covid-19 pandemic change, school will be open to allow students to collect their examination results in person. In planning for results day, the priority is to ensure that everybody remains safe whilst still enabling us to distribute results and provide guidance in a manner that is as close as possible to previous years.

Please read the following arrangements for examination results day **very carefully**.

Year 11 students will collect their results from the Gym in tutor group as outlined in the table below:

Tutor Group	Time
F and O	8.00am – 8.20am
R and M	8.30am – 8.50am
B and Y	9.00am – 9.20am

On arrival, students should sanitise their hands prior to entering the Gym. They should seek to maintain social distancing at all times, especially from the teachers and support staff who will be present. Once students have collected their results from the Gym they should use the one-way system in place, exiting at the rear of the Gym. Please make every effort to collect results at the appointed time and do not arrive earlier than the allotted time.

Sixth Form Enrolment

Once students have collected their results, they will scan a QR code (contained within their results envelope) that will take them to a questionnaire. The questionnaire will prompt students to provide their post-16 destination and, for those returning to Formby High School Sixth Form, will ask them for their subject choices. It will also give students the opportunity to request a phone call from a member of the Sixth Form Team if there is a particular issue they wish to discuss. In addition to this, members of the Senior Leadership

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Team and Sixth Form Team will be on hand to discuss results and provide any advice and guidance that may be required. There will also be a representative from Career North, an impartial careers advice service, to provide guidance if required. These people will be based in the Sports Hall which should be entered via the rear entrance.

In order to minimise students and parents congregating, we will ask you to leave the school site shortly after collecting results and/or speaking with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Sixth Form Team. We are sorry that arrangements cannot be more relaxed but we hope you understand the duty of care we have to all on site. We will, though, make sure we take the opportunity to congratulate our students.

Unable to attend on Results Day

If, for any reason, students are unable to receive their results in person at your allotted time, they must give signed authority to a representative who is able to collect results on their behalf. Please verify this arrangement with details of your representative by emailing exams.database@formbyhighschool.com in advance.

Calculated Grades

As students have not taken examinations this year, the results awarded are Calculated Grades. During May 2020, teachers spent time generating Centre Assessed Grades – their best estimation, on the basis of the evidence available, of the grade a student would have achieved in their subject had he/she taken examinations. These were submitted to the examination boards and have been standardised using a model adopted by Ofqual to ensure consistency in the distribution of grades across all schools nationally and with previous years. The standardised grades are called Calculated Grades and these will be issued to students.

The process of arriving at grades is different this year to ever before and this will create uncertainty. You should, though, be reassured that the grades awarded are as fair as possible for several reasons:

- Our teachers know the students they teach very well and are able to assess with a high degree of accuracy.
- The Centre Assessed Grades that were submitted to the examination boards underwent thorough internal quality assurance and are not the sole responsibility of any individual teacher.
- The standardisation process applied by the examination boards is designed to ensure consistency with grades awarded to other cohorts in previous years.
- The overarching principle guiding the process of generating Calculated Grades is ensuring students receive grades that enable them to progress to the next stage of their lives in the normal way. Indeed, to better ensure this happens, I understand from Ofqual that in places students are to be given the 'benefit of the doubt' which means, overall, grades will be slightly higher this year than in previous years.

We trust this is helpful in providing some reassurance. You will find further information about this year's examination results and other relevant information on the school website at the following [link](#). We encourage you to look closely at this information, particularly Ofqual's 'Student guide to post-16 results: summer 2020'.

A further letter will be enclosed with the examination results, containing information about appeals / review of results and the Autumn series examination entries.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Examinations & Data Office by email on exams.database@formbyhighschool.com. We shall look forward to seeing all of our Year 11 students on Thursday 20 August to celebrate their GCSE results. If circumstances change, you will be notified and provided with alternative arrangements via the school website and ParentMail.

Yours sincerely

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