

Formby High School

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Dear Student & Parents

A Level Results Day – Thursday 13 August 2020

As we are approaching the day on which results will be released to Year 13 students, we wanted to write to provide you with information regarding the arrangements for the distribution of results and the support that will be available to support students with their post-18 plans. In addition, the process used to determine the grades for A Level and vocational qualifications will be explained in this letter.

Distribution of Results

Grades will be made available for students to collect from the school network at 8:00am on Thursday 13 August. This is the earliest that results can be issued to students. Whilst it would have been preferable for students to collect their results in person from school, it would be difficult to do this safely under the current pandemic restrictions and ensure that everybody receive their results as early as possible.

When students log on to the school network they should access their area where results and other relevant information will be saved. Students should check in advance that they are able to successfully log onto the school network. If, for any reason, they are unable to access results via the school network they should contact school using one of the telephone numbers listed below.

Support and Guidance

We are hopeful that the vast majority of students will receive grades that enable them to progress to their planned post-18 pathway. During the course of results day all students will receive a telephone call from a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the Sixth Form Team to offer our congratulations, determine each individual's post-18 destination and offer any support that may be required. We understand, though, that some students may wish to speak with a member of staff more urgently and we will be available from 8:00am in the morning to offer our support. If anybody requires advice regarding a university place, the Clearing system or other post-18 plans, please do contact a member of staff by email or telephone (using the contact details contained in the table below) who will be on hand to provide the necessary support. If a face-to-face meeting is preferable, this can be arranged.





Member of Staff	Telephone Number	Email Address
Mr O'Shaughnessy (Director of Sixth Form)	01704 835659	mos@formbyhighschool.com
Mrs Grant (Sixth Form Progress Leader)	01704 835942	cgr@formbyhighschool.com
Mr Rigby (Sixth Form Progress Leader)	01704 835642	dri@formbyhighschool.com
Mrs Blanchard (Deputy Headteacher)	01704 835655	kbl@formbyhighschool.com
Mr Mackenzie (Headteacher)	01704 835649	dma@formbyhighschool.com

Alternatively, you may wish to speak to Mrs Hiller (Examinations & Data Manager). If so, she can be contacted by email at exams.database@formbyhighschool.com and she will be happy to telephone you if requested.

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 will be 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 were 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, we 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' and the links to the UCAS website that explain about what to do on results day, Clearing and Adjustment.



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 or a member of the Sixth Form Team using the email addresses listed above.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Mr D Mackenzie in black ink.

Mr D Mackenzie
Headteacher

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Mrs G Parkinson
Assistant Headteacher (Assessment)