

August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE Exam Results

Following on from our successful results day last week we have now received information regarding pupils requesting re-sits, appeals and the process for appeals and BTEC grades.

BTEC Grades

The exam board, at the last minute, asked us not to hand out BTEC grades last week. We are now in a position to inform anybody waiting for a BTEC grade that they will be able to collect them from school reception between **9.00am** and **11.00am** on **Friday 28th August**. There will be two desks at reception and it will be based on the child's surname as to which desk they go to. All pupils must sanitise their hands before entering the building using the hand sanitiser provided and they must queue using the markings on the floor outside school in order to observe social distancing. Any results not collected by 11.00am will be posted out and should be with pupils by the following week, bear in mind that this won't be the Monday as that is a Bank Holiday.

Re-sits of GCSE exams

Exam boards have put in place a window of re-sits from Monday **2nd November** to **Monday 23rd November**. The timetable for these are on our school website. Your child has the right to request to sit an examination if they feel that they could achieve a higher grade. To do this they need to complete the form on our website and hand it in at the school reception for the attention of Mrs Milne, our exams officer. Please be aware that if they haven't been studying since March this may be extremely challenging. Pupils at Hollingworth get great results as a by-product of being in front of excellent teachers and this is something that pupils have not had for six months. Please carefully consider this before choosing to enter a child for a re-sit. All forms for re-sits must be handed in to school by **Friday 11th September**. Any forms handed in after this time will not be entered.

The process of exams is an expensive one for schools and whilst we will happily support pupils in achieving better grades we also have to ensure that they turn up for these exams. The fees for each exam is also on our school website. If you wish to enter a child then you will need to pay any fees for exams, if your child attends the exam then we will refund the full amount. In order to support pupils we will allow any pupils re-sitting exams full access to our VLE, where the revision resources for Year 11 pupils have been since lockdown began. Some subjects may be able to grant access to other online platforms as well.

Appeals

Having received a number of questions around this we will be publishing the appeals process as set out by Ofqual, who oversee all exam boards, on our school website. The main points from their documentation are:

- You can ask your school if it made an administrative error when submitting information to the exam board. For example, mixing up two students with similar names.

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- Only the school can appeal to the exam board on your behalf if it believes the exam board made a mistake when communicating grades.
- You **cannot** challenge the school under the appeals process on the centre assessed grades it submitted.
- You **cannot** appeal because your mock grade was higher than/equal to the grade you were awarded.

If you have any questions or concerns with anything in this letter please do not hesitate to contact me. my email address is asmale@hollingworthacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



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