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Dear Parent/Carer

EXAM RESULTS INFORMATION

On Thursday 20th August 2020 from 9:30am until 11.00am, your son/daughter's final GCSE exam results will be available for collection. Many schools have taken the decision not to hold a Results Day in school due to COVID 19, but we feel strongly that it is an important milestone in their lives. However, we do ask that you read and abide by the safety instructions at the end of this letter so that we can still mark this important day in the young people's lives as well as keeping everyone safe. We would like to take this opportunity to wish your son/daughter every success as they move to the next phase of their chosen pathway.

Obviously the 2020 GCSE results have been awarded in a very different way compared to previous years. As a school we were required to submit a centre assessed grade for each subject and the rank order of students within each grade to the exam boards. Teachers took into account the full range of available evidence when they graded students - including non-exam assessment; the results of any class or homework assignments and pre-public exams; and any other records of student performance over the course of study.

To make sure that grades are fair between schools and colleges, exam boards put all centre assessment grades through a process of standardisation using a model developed with Ofqual. The standardisation model draws on the following sources of evidence: the prior attainment (Key Stage 2) of this year's students and those in previous years within each school; and the expected national grade distribution for the subject given the prior attainment of the national entry. Standardisation will not change the rank order of students within each school; nor will it assume that the distribution of grades in each subject/school should be the same. However, if grading judgements in a subject in some schools appeared to be more severe or generous than others, exam boards could adjust the grades of some or all of those students upwards or downwards accordingly. This means that the centre assessment grades submitted by our school and the final grade that students receive could be different. It also means that adjustments to centre assessment grades might be different in different subjects.

With this in mind, there may be questions which arise with regard to results, college applications and future choices. If you or your son/daughter have concerns about any of their results, please see Mrs Holmes in the first instance. Mrs Handcock will be available to offer advice on careers and college applications. If, after speaking to Mrs Holmes, you or your son/daughter have a query regarding your child's GCSE grade in any subject, please see a member of SLT. There is the opportunity to re-sit the exam in the autumn term. If they choose to take this opportunity, please take into consideration whether you feel they have studied enough during lockdown to be prepared enough for the exam.

We will be writing to you again in September with regard to our Awards Evening which is planned to take place in November if Government regulations permit. On this evening, your son/daughter will be presented with their GCSE certificates. We look forward to this event and thank you for your support during your child's time with us at St. Joseph's.



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SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESULTS DAY TO COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING:

The results day will be held outside under the two canopies.

Enter the yard via the entrance by the Dome and use the hand sanitiser on entry.

If there is a queue, please use the social distancing spots on the floor outside to maintain the two metre distance.

Please go straight outside onto the yard and do not go into the school building.

If your surname begins with A-K you will pick your results up from the canopy by PE.

If your surname begins with L-Z you will pick your results up from the canopy next to the dining room.

Once you have got your results, please go onto the main yard (bring an umbrella, just in case!) and ensure you socially distance from others, keeping to the two metre rule.

There will be bacon butties and a meat free alternative available on the day, but again please ensure you keep two metres apart if there is a queue.

If you need to use the bathroom, please use the new toilets located between the English block and the new build. Please use the double doors at the corner of the Yard.

If your son/daughter is unable to collect their results, please contact school and we will arrange for their results to be sent to their school email.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 20th August 2020.

Yours sincerely

J Morgan

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Deputy Headteacher

