

I hope you are all safe and keeping well. I am missing the hustle and bustle of 'normal' Sixth Form life and our usual interactions in the busy corridors... I am not missing the rubbish in M06 however!

I thought I would write to you again this evening as I'm sure you all have 'centred assessed grades' on your minds. As a school, we have been busy arranging the processes to do this. As you are aware from my previous communications, you are not to attempt to contact teachers about your calculated grades as we/they are not allowed to discuss this. Ofqual, the Government organisation tasked with coordinating the process, have made that very clear. I also confirmed last week to you via email, that A Level results will be released on Thursday 13 August, as originally planned!

You may already have been told by your teachers that they will no longer be 'setting' you A Level work to complete on classcharts / via email. It is unlikely any teacher will set you work after Friday 24 April (tomorrow) - although they may still expect some pieces to be returned over the weekend. Instead of just sitting back and your brain turning to mush, naturally I have some suggestions!

1. Prepare! Use this 'gain' time to look up the **reading lists for your first choice / insurance degree** courses. These should be on the University website or you can email the faculty. Also **remind yourself of the modules which feature in the first year** - perhaps this can lead to further research, knowledge and understanding.
2. Have you sorted your **student finance**?
3. Some of the Universities have now set up **HE transition work** on their websites too. It could well be that the initial period at University could involve online learning anyway, so why not get a head start!
4. Are you using this time to **apply for competitive apprenticeships**? Are you using the apprenticeship tool on Unifrog to support you with your searches/applications?
5. Remember you can access the **free MOOCs via future learn**. Many of these are designed by UK Universities and there will most certainly be at least one, if not numerous courses, which will interest you whether you are intending to go to University or straight into the world of apprenticeships within a business sector: <https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects>
6. It would be foolish to toss aside all your A Level work, or worse still destroy it in anyway! I strongly advise you keep everything very safe and I would even recommend browsing through notes / textbooks intermittently. IF you were to find in August that your results are not what you had hoped they would be / need them to be, you might be thankful that you had **just kept a hand in with your studies over this long extended period**. Ofqual are still suggesting that there will be an autumn exam series and if that is the case, you may wish to / need to take advantage of the opportunity to sit your exam(s).

Finally, please remember that whilst we are well and able, we are all still available to offer support and advice. You still belong to our Sixth Form community. Thinking of you all.

Best, Mrs Allen