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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 12 August 2021

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Please take time to read this communication carefully with your child, which details the processes in place this year for the distribution and/or collection of GCSE results in August.

All examination results are embargoed up until 8.30am on results day. All students will be emailed a basic statement of their GCSE results at 8.30am on Thursday 12 August 2021. The email address used will be their individual Alderbrook School account only. We suggest your child checks in the coming week that they can login to their school email account. If your child cannot log in to their school email account, please contact our ICT support team via itsupport@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk

Further to the above at 8.30am, we would like to invite our students to school to collect their full results information from 9.00am using a formal A-Z collection process to aid social distancing. Although we do not know what government restrictions might be in place (again) by 12 August with regards to Covid-19, it is only sensible to plan accordingly. No student will be disadvantaged by these structured timings in regards to their Post 16 aspirations / enrolments; your child will have received their grades via email at 8.30am. We ask that you and your child please adhere to the following carefully to ensure that everyone – students and staff – feels safe. There inevitably will be an element of queuing and we thank you in advance for your support and the co-operation of your child on this busy day.

GCSE results will be collected from **Cartwright Hall**; the hall lends itself to a one way system and we ask that students approach via the entrance doors housing the yellow 'lego' stairs. Alderbrook staff will be present to assist students. Staff will be checking names against allocated times, so students should not try to access collection early.

Surname A-C	9.00am – 9.20am
Surname D-J	9.25am – 9.45am
Surname K-Q	9.50am – 10.10am
Surname R-S	10.15am – 10.35am
Surname T-Z	10.40am – 11.00am

We are pleased to confirm that school yearbooks and hoodies will also be available to collect when students collect their results. Please note results can only be collected by the student or a person authorised by them. Therefore if your son/daughter is unable to collect their own results an alternative person can be nominated. This must be stated in a letter of authorisation

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from the student, naming their nominated person, before Tuesday 20 July 2021. This nominated person needs to bring a form of identification with them on Results Day, for example, a driving licence or passport. Students can email the exam office via exams@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk with the subject title 'GCSE Results Collection'.

We appreciate that some of our students might need further support on this day. Pastoral and/or Post 16 guidance will be available from members of staff including Miss Usefnia, Head of Year 11. Students are likely to know on arrival at school if they might like additional support or pastoral guidance and if they do, they can travel through the internal doors into the adjoining dining hall to receive further support more discreetly.

JCQ have announced that the examination grade appeal process this summer will be limited only to those who meet strict criteria. Please read carefully our '**Processes and Appeals for Summer Assessments 2021**' information, which can be found here: <https://www.alderbrookschooel.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Appeals-letter-Summer-21.pdf> As stated it is important to note that an appeal may result in a grade staying the same, going up or *unlike in 2020*, going down. If a student puts in an appeal and their grade is lowered, they will receive the lower mark. We are confident that our processes have been rigorous and fair, and so would encourage caution if you proceed with any appeal. A lower risk strategy would be to take up the option to sit a GCSE exam(s) in October 2021 if your child feels they can improve on their Teacher Assessed Grade(s). Via this route the student will receive whichever grade is higher – the TAG or the re-sit – and do not face their grade being irreversibly lowered.

I hope you find the information contained in this letter clear. However, as always, please do get in touch via office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk before Tuesday 20 July 2021 if you have a query. We look forward to welcoming back our Year 11 students to collect their results on Thursday 12 August.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Tom Beveridge
Headteacher