

13 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Results Day – Tuesday 10 August 2021

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We were delighted to see so many of our Year 13 students recently at the Leaver's Afternoon Tea, having the opportunity to catch up on their news. Please read this letter carefully; it details the processes in place this year for the distribution and/or collection of A Level 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 A Level results at 8.30am on 10 August 2021. The email address used will be their individual Sixth Form account only. We encourage all Sixth Form students to check their accounts regularly so hopefully passwords and logins are well known. I'd suggest at least one 'login test run' in front of you! If however your child can not login to their Sixth Form account please contact IT Support via itsupport@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk

For those who have applied for Higher Education, 8.30am will coincide with the time that UCAS Track opens and informs students whether or not they have a University place. See attached helpful information sheet on Clearing which will help students prepare for this if needed. Mrs Howard has also sent a number of recent emails about UCAS, Clearing and Adjustment to students. All answers to any UCAS query can be found here: <https://www.ucas.com/> using the search bar.

Further to the above at 8.30am, we would like to invite students to collect their full results information from 8.30am 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 10 August with regards to Covid-19, it is only sensible to plan accordingly. No student will be disadvantaged by this as all will have received their overall grades at 8.30am and if necessary can begin initial conversations with their next steps destinations if they have not quite met their offers – universities, apprenticeship providers etc. ahead of their allocated time slot in school. Remember the only person who can enter into these important conversations are the students themselves. We ask that you and your child adhere to the following carefully to ensure that everyone – students and staff – feels safe.

A Level 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. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to assist. Staff will be checking names against allocated times, so students should not try to access collection early.

8.30 – 8.45am A-D Surnames	8.50 – 9.05am E-H	9.10 – 9.25am I-L
9.30 – 9.45am M-P	9.50 – 10.05am Q-T	10.10 – 10.25am V-Z

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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 by them. This must be stated in a letter of authorisation 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 'A Level Results Collection'.

Destinations/UCAS support from the Sixth Form team will be available throughout the morning in the adjoining Cartwright dining hall. Students are likely to know on arrival at school if they might like further careers advice, information, or guidance with UCAS. After they collect results at their designated time, they can travel via a one way system through the internal Cartwright Hall doors into the adjoining dining hall. Again, members of the Senior Leadership Team will be present to guide students and answer queries if required.

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. Remember a priority appeal is only for Year 13 students applying to higher education who did not attain their firm choice (i.e. the offer they accepted as their first choice) and wish to appeal an A level result. Finally, there is the option to sit an A Level exam in October 2021 if your child feels they can improve on their Teacher Assessed Grade(s). Via this option a 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 and straightforward. However, as always, please do get in touch via enquiries@alderbrooksixthform.org ahead of Tuesday 20 July if you have a query.

We look forward to welcoming back our Year 13 students to collect their results on Tuesday 10 August.

Yours faithfully,



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