



ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON

Ref: OC/GCSE Results/2020

19th August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Final GCSE Results

As you will be aware, recent government direction on the awarding of grades has changed over the last few weeks and I am therefore writing to advise you on updated information. Please find attached a letter from Ofqual that explains how results have been calculated for this examination period - [LINK](#). The awarding of Centre Assessed Grades by the school has been a rigorous process. The school followed Ofqual guidelines ensuring that all forms of hard data were utilised by teams of staff in a process which removed unconscious bias and then was quality assured by several layers of leadership to produce a robust set of grades. Therefore these grades are termed 'Centre Assessed Grades' and not 'Teacher Grades'. The grades are in line with the tremendous levels of progress that we have seen by students in recent years at St Augustine's Catholic High School. Students should be proud of their results as these reflect their achievements, not results of an algorithm. There will of course be some students who are disappointed and we will endeavour to deal with them on an individual basis.

Students' final GCSE results will be online via INSIGHT at 8AM tomorrow morning. INSIGHT is currently disabled, however if you are having issues accessing it in the morning please ring LourdesIT on: 01527 359999.

We are looking forward to seeing most students in school tomorrow morning; if students have not yet and still wish to book a place they can do so by logging on to: <https://gcseresultsday2020.eventbrite.co.uk> and booking a time slot. This will give them a chance to celebrate their achievements whilst the Sixth Form Team and Careers staff will be on hand for any who wish to confirm their Sixth Form place or need further information on subject blocks and specific entrance criteria. Any students who are interested in a follow up session with the Sixth Form team can book a meeting for Friday 21st August by contacting Mrs Paddock at: paddockc@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk.

Please note that for both tomorrow and on Friday, students need to be dropped off outside school or in the yards where parking will be provided and then walk around to the Sports Hall (there is no entry via Reception). I would ask that parents either park in the car parks (and remain in their car) or return to pick up at a later time. Due to social distancing, we are unable to have parents in school.

Whilst we would like to reserve tomorrow to focus on students' immediate future, there may be some who receive grades which are lower than expected. Firstly, we would ask that students speak to a member of staff if they are concerned over their Sixth Form, College or Apprenticeship place.

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St Augustine's Catholic High School actively promotes equality, inclusion and accessibility; please let us know if you require assistance.
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They can do this in the following ways:

Mrs S Beach, St Augustine's Careers Advisor:	beachs@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk
Careers, Worcester:	careersworcs@worcestershire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 666 3 666 www.skills4worcestershire.co.uk
National Careers Service:	https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/ Tel: 0800 100 900 Webchat available via their website https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us/select-option
Ofqual guide to appeal arrangements:	https://www.gov.uk/government/news/appeal-arrangements-for-as-a-levels-and-gcse

Ofqual has produced a guide (see above) to help students who may think that they should appeal on grounds of error or complaint; I would ask that any students should speak to Mr Gariff on this matter. If students still wish to sit the exam, then they have the opportunity to do this in the Autumn 2020 series although we would strongly question whether this is necessary as it may interfere with the next steps in their journey. GCSE exams will take place between November 2nd and 23rd 2020 and a form is available to complete by emailing: sta-exams@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk. We ask that forms are completed and returned no later than Wednesday 9th September.

Finally, we wish all students the very best for tomorrow and very much look forward to seeing them again.

Yours faithfully



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