



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ref: Year 11 GCSE Results Day and Book Return

I am writing to inform you of arrangements for GCSE results day on **Thursday 20 August**.

We intend to distribute GCSE results in person on the morning of results day but we will have a back-up plan for distributing results electronically, if the local or national coronavirus guidance changes. Please check all of our usual communication channels for further information in the lead-up to results day, which includes: the school website, Twitter, student and parent email addresses.

Our preferred option is to hand results over in person and we will, of course, follow whatever guidance is in place at the time, with regard to social distancing and movement on and around the school site. We will make the process as safe as possible, under those limitations. We genuinely want to be able to celebrate the achievements of our young men and women and support them in making the very important decisions necessary on such a momentous day. Staff will be available to advise on A-Level options choices and other pathways through to further education and careers. We will also be conducting a Book Return on the same day, as we have been unable to do that so far.

Logistical Arrangements for 20 August:

1. There will be no parking on the school site and no other family members or friends will be allowed past the school gates. Students will not be allowed access to any other part of the school, including lockers, while collecting their results.
2. Students must only arrive on site after 8am and according to their allotted time for book return in the CPA on Thursday 20 August. No student should arrive at school earlier than their allocated time. Any visit to the school after 10.00am must be made by prior appointment.
 - 11A – 8.00am
 - 11D – 8.20am
 - 11G – 8.40am
 - 11P – 9.00am
3. The procedure on the morning will be as follows:
 - Enter the site through the Sutton Road Pedestrian gates, immediately round to the CPA
 - Reimbursement of the locker key deposits will also take place on that day, as part of book return. Please bring locker keys with all the expected resources, text books etc.
 - Pupils will enter the school building via the DT/Art corridor to the main hall

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- Staff will be waiting at desks in the main hall/dining room to distribute results. If the weather is good enough, we hope to be able to issue grades outside but we will have wet weather plans in place.
 - Students will leave via the main Reception and then back up along the drive and out of the main school gates – avoiding a cross over at the pedestrian gate
4. We will be encouraging all students to leave the school site as soon as they have collected their results so that we can support those students that are in greater need of pastoral support and guidance on next steps.
 5. Pastoral staff will be available in the Collier Centre for SEMH support, if required. This is a drop-in provision for those students that need some time to talk through their results, or if there is an issue with transition to the Sixth Form
 6. Staff will be working on 20-21 August and will be available to discuss any concerns raised over next steps. We will not be allowing visitors on site, without a prior appointment, after the initial handing over of results. Please email into school for any further support and someone will arrange a phone call back.

We do understand that all students' family situations are different and that you may not want your child to come into school on results day, due to concerns over transport and health vulnerabilities within the family home. Please contact the School to make alternative arrangements as soon as possible, if that is the case. **It is vital that the students DO NOT attend the school if they, or a member of the household have symptoms.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We understand that many students are missing their friends but we must ask for your support in ensuring that results day can be conducted in a safe and orderly manner. This is always an emotionally-charged event but we must do all that we can to protect our staff and students from Covid-19 infection. We will therefore be imposing strict social distancing rules at all times, while on site. We look forward to a time that we can all come together, without restrictions, to mark the end of this phase of their time at the School but until then we must continue to follow the current Government guidelines. We ask that students do not linger on the Sutton Road or wait for others. They should observe social distancing and make their way home immediately. The government has produced specific guidance for young people, to help them adhere to those rules when out and about:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-alert-and-safe-social-distancing-guidance-for-young-people/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing-guidance-for-young-people>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do-after-4-july>

We will be strictly following these rules on the school site and at the entrance and exit. We would ask that all students carefully follow social distancing guidance on the journey to and from school and avoid gathering in public spaces, especially on the Sutton Road. We will expect the highest standards of behaviour and conduct from our students on and around the school site, with extra consideration given to the personal spaces other students, staff and our neighbours in the wider community at this difficult time. We would also ask parents not to congregate outside the school gate if dropping-off students. Please stay in your car, if at all possible. If students are using public transport, the following link includes a range of considerations on responsible travel, including specific guidance on public transport: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

Guidance on Grades:

This year, an embargo has been placed on results until 8am. This is a national restriction, so all schools should abide by these rules and we cannot give out results any earlier than this. While the school submitted its Centre-Assessed Grades to the exam boards for the 12 June deadline, we will not know what grades have been awarded by those boards after national standardisation until results day.



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Results will be handed ONLY to the students. They will NOT be issued to a third party without prior consent from the student and only then once photographic evidence has been provided by the person nominated to collect the results. Please contact the Examinations Office for further information. Those results which have not been collected on the day will be retained in school. We cannot give results out over the phone so please do not call us. Further information about arrangements on site will be given out nearer the time.

We will have staff available to offer support to any student that finds themselves in the position of not securing the GCSE grades required to continue into the Sixth Form at QMGS. This will be available on the morning of results day itself and in the days after, by appointment.

If it is a case of your child not getting the required grade in one or more of the subjects they have chosen to carry forward to A level, please use the link provided below and complete the form using the link in green so we can consider your application further. We will respond to you in the order in which the form is received. This includes the following queries:

- You have met the overall criteria but have not met the requirement in one or more of your chosen courses
- You have met the overall criteria and your subject criteria but would like to change one or more of your options

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=E1T1PdfOSEuPbjC8TawIT3zNxJYWKeVPqF0vOB3EcthUQkdUTEFBOExEQURROE5NSU5IRDJYOTVRVC4u>

For September 2020 entry, candidates will be required to achieve 54 points in their best 8 GCSEs, including level 6s in English and Mathematics. At least 3 must be at level 7 or higher, in the subjects wished to be taken at A-Level. If you wish to study biology, chemistry or physics, you are expected to achieve a minimum of grade 7 in separate science GCSEs or a double 7 grade in the trilogy exam. You are also required to achieve an 8/9 in maths to study further maths. You must secure at least grade 6 in GCSE maths and English.

I shall be available, along with other members of the SLT, at School on 20 and 21 August to offer advice on possible next steps. If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Following admission to the Sixth Form, which is confirmed in August, your child will be expected to attend a Sixth Form induction on Thursday 3 September and Friday 4 September. More information will follow.

I wish all our Year 11 students every success.

Yours sincerely,

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