

5 July 2021



Dear Parent / Carer,

GCSE Results Day arrangements

As the situation stands with COVID transmission and the planned relaxation of restrictions on July 19th, I am pleased to be able to notify you that Year 11 students will be able to collect their results in person from the school on Thursday 12th August between 10am and 1pm.

The results will be distributed to students from the netball courts by the back gate to the school. If it is raining they will be distributed from the Sports Hall.

All students should enter the school via the back gate. Please remember the results are the property of the student and will only be released to the student in person. However, in recognition that the collection of results may generate a range of emotions, parents are able to accompany students. To limit the number of people on site at any time, we respectfully ask that only immediate family accompany the students and any parents accompanying their children don't wait off site and congregate by the back gate of the school.

For students who are self-isolating or unable to collect their results in person they will be available on Go4Schools from 1.30pm on Thursday 12th August. As they are the property of the student they will only be available on each student account, not on the parents and they will only be able to download them from the browser version, not the app. If your child has forgotten their password, please ask them to contact Mr Stafford (bstafford@carringtonschool.org). It is important they check this now, in case they have any problems. Mr Stafford will be available on email until Friday 16th July.

Please note that results will not be accessible on Go4Schools after 31st August. If you need a copy of your results after that date please email Mrs Howell (showell@carringtonschool.org) or Mr Rolt (srolt@carringtonschool.org).

If your child has any queries about results on Thursday 12th August, please do not contact the school until **10.00am at the earliest** to allow us to process the results on that day.

Queries about Results

The process towards getting the GCSE results for your children this year has been a unique and challenging one for all concerned. As a school we adopted a very thorough process to assess, mark and moderate the student work to ensure our grading is accurate. However, OfQUAL and the exam boards are quality assuring the standards nationally and it is still possible that, to maintain the national proportion of students achieving each grade, the exam boards may lower some grades in some subjects. Whilst we anticipate the majority of students will achieve the grades they require, there are going to be some who receive grades that don't meet the threshold for their chosen college courses.

To support students through this unique process and ensure they receive GCSE grades commensurate with the standards of their assessed work, there are additional procedures in place aiming to provide clarity about how grades have been awarded and opportunity where the results aren't as expected.

Firstly, today your child's component scores have been released on Go4schools. These provide raw scores (and in some cases grades) for the individual tasks contributing to the final grade. Please note these aren't an indication of the final GCSE grade that has been submitted to the exam boards and we aren't able to discuss the final grade with students or parents as that will constitute malpractice.

Once the results have been released on 12th August, there is an appeals process that is open to the 3rd September and for those students who do not achieve the grades they were hoping for they will be able to sit GCSE exams in November. Further details about the dates and organisation of these will be released in the Autumn term.

I am going to run a webinar tomorrow, Tuesday 6th July, at 6pm explaining the scores released to students, the GCSE grading process (and exam board quality assurance), the appeals process and the post results organisation. The link for this will be distributed to parents tomorrow. A recording of the webinar will be placed on the website on Wednesday and I will run a repeat on Monday 12th July at 6pm.

If you do have any questions about any of the different aspects of the grading process please contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Rolt
Deputy Headteacher