



Colchester High School

15th July 2020

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of term, we would like to take this opportunity to share more information regarding results day.

Ofqual has been working with awarding organisations to ensure that as many learners as possible are able to receive a grade this summer and progress with their plans to continue their education. Pupils will receive a calculated result based on their centre assessed grade, rank order and statistical analysis. Attached is a copy of Ofqual's standardisation model which explains the process that has been used to enable a calculated grade to be given to pupils.

Results Day – Thursday 20th August 2020

We are hoping to allow pupils to be able to come into school and collect and sign for their results in person as we usually would, however, we will have to manage this in a different way and minimise contact in accordance with Government guidelines which could change at any time between now and 20th August 2020. We will notify you nearer the time more information about this, such as, time and where to collect them from in school.

If we can not allow pupils on site to collect their results, then we plan on emailing them to pupils' office 365 email address. This is the email address that was provided to students to access Microsoft TEAMS. Please ensure that your son or daughter knows their log in credentials and contact the school if they have forgotten their password or have any other problems logging onto this email account prior to results day. I will be sending a test email for students to check that they can receive results, this will be sent by 31st July. If your child does not receive an email by this date please contact me on joanna.cowell@cognita.com

After your son/daughter has collected their results and wishes to speak to a member of staff you will need to make an appointment by contacting the school either by phone or email so that we can arrange for the appropriate person to assist you further and to ensure social distancing measures are followed.

Appeals and autumn exam arrangements



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On the 30th June Ofqual published the arrangements which explains how pupils can appeal if they believe the process was not followed correctly and we can appeal if we believe that something systematic has gone wrong in relation to the results. You can view the full report on their web site at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-publishes-more-details-on-appeals-and-confirms-autumn-exam-arrangements> If any pupil was unable to receive a calculated result, and others who think that they can improve their calculated grade will have the opportunity to take them between 2nd November 2020 to 23rd November 2020. We have not been notified yet when each subject's exams will take place during this period as the timetable has not been released by the awarding bodies.

Ofqual have confirmed that students will not be able to challenge their individual centre assessment grades, as any appeal would have to be undertaken by someone better placed than the student's teachers to judge their likely grade if exams had taken place. In the unique circumstances of this summer, Ofqual do not believe there is any such person. There are also potential risks for other students in the cohort: if one student successfully appealed against their position in the rank order, it would have negative implications for other students who would, in turn, need to be given an opportunity to appeal.

Ofqual is currently consulting on statutory guidance for appeals and this includes proposals on the information awarding organisations should provide to Centres so we can decide whether to appeal. It also provides proposals for guidance on the circumstances in which an appeal might be allowed because the wrong data has been used in the standardisation process. Therefore, we are still waiting to hear from awarding bodies regarding arrangements for appeals.

Yours Sincerely

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