



19 July 2021

Dear Parent, Carer, Guardian,

I hope that you are all having a fantastic summer and are looking forward to sharing the success of your child on the upcoming results day, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021. As promised, I am writing with an update to provide you with as much information as possible so that students can collect their hard-earned results in a safe environment.

Students are being allocated a 15 minute time slot between 9am and 11am that they **must** adhere to. In addition we must also request that the following procedures are followed carefully:

- Students must enter school via the student gate at **Lodore Grove** entrance where a register will be taken and they will be asked to sanitise their hands. They will then be directed to the Acorn Centre where they will receive their results before exiting the school via **Heythrop Drive**.
- We usually welcome and encourage the presence of parents, carers and guardians to share in the successes of the students on this day. However, due to the current circumstances and for the safety of everyone involved, it will not be possible this year again.
- If you are planning on driving your child into school, you must use the drop off point in the **Lodore Grove** car park and then make your way to the **Heythrop Drive** car park to collect them.

**Student name:** [Joe Bloggs]

**Time slot:** [10:15]

Please ensure that your child arrives **on time** to collect their results.

If your son/daughter, or any member of the household has coronavirus symptoms we would expect them to be self-isolating and therefore not to attend school on results day. We anticipate that there will also be some students who are unable to attend. If either of these circumstances apply to you, please contact us on [exams@acklamgrange.org.uk](mailto:exams@acklamgrange.org.uk) and we will arrange delivery of results by email and post. Please ensure that you include any change of contact details when you make the request, as results will be sent to the email and address that we currently hold on file.

Results day usually provides a wonderful opportunity to record the raw emotion of both the students and parent, carers, guardians, and I would love for you to still be involved in this way. If you wish to record a short video to share your happiness and pride or to pass on thanks to the staff, then please email [itservices@acklamgrange.org.uk](mailto:itservices@acklamgrange.org.uk) and we will be in touch to guide you through how to do so. We will ensure that this message is passed on to the staff and future Year 11 cohorts.



As we have previously shared with you the GCSE grades have been awarded using a different process this year and as a reminder I have outlined below the key points on how grades have been awarded which will hopefully alleviate any concerns that you may have:

- Teachers know their students well and schools are therefore able to assess grades with a high degree of accuracy. The grades schools submitted to the exam boards were agreed following a robust internal quality assurance process and are not therefore the sole responsibility of any individual teacher.
- The standardisation process applied by the exam boards ensures grades awarded this year are consistent with those awarded to other cohorts in other years. This was the fairest possible approach available under these extreme circumstances. It is a rigorous process which means that grades awarded this year are as valid as in any other year and will allow students to progress to the next stage of their lives in the normal way.

Ensuring that all students successfully progress onto the next stage of their lives continues to be a huge priority for us and can I please remind you that a wide range of careers advice and guidance, as well as information from the post 16 providers, is available on our website at <http://www.acklamgrange.org.uk/acklam-grange/curriculum/subject-overviews/ags-careers/advice-and-guidance-for-current-year-11s>.

Miss Winter, our Careers Adviser, will also be available for one to one careers interviews after students have received their results. In addition to this, further support is available via the exam results helpline. This helpline, delivered by the National Careers Service, will be available from **12<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August** to provide additional support to students and their parents as they receive their exam results. Callers to the helpline will have direct access to experienced careers advisers who can advise on the different options available to them including T levels, A levels, GCSEs, BTECs, apprenticeships and other vocational options. Support will also be available on topics such as the autumn 2021 exam series.

Phone: 0800 100 900 (support is available Monday to Sunday from 8am to 10pm)

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing our Year 11 students during their allocated time slot on August 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 to celebrate their success. Until then, take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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