

Dear Students and Parents,

20th July 2021

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 12th August 2021

As results day approaches, we thought it would be helpful to share a few reminders about what to expect, both in terms of the grades themselves and how the day will work.

On the day

- We think it's really important that we offer a face to face results day so that you can get instant answers to any questions and immediate access to any support you need. If you are not going to attend on the day, please email info@cardinal-newman.co.uk to arrange a different method of collection for your results, request the results be sent out by post or nominate a family member or friend to collect on your behalf.
- Results will be available to collect between **9.30am – 11.00am**.
- In the collection room, there will be spaces to sit whilst you open your results. We would advise you to open your results before you leave school so that you can ask any questions you have to the teacher advisors on hand.

The Results Process

The GCSE grades this year have been submitted to the exam boards by the school as 'Centre assessed grades' (CAGs). These are a fair reflection of the work students have produced in each subject area, and also reflect any barriers to learning that students have experienced as a result of the Covid pandemic, both generally and individually. Students have only been assessed on content they know and have covered in depth and grades are drawn from a range of evidence, including mock exams and assessments in class. Students know which pieces of evidence have been used to determine their overall grade. In the case of non-GCSE subjects, such as BTEC and OCR Cambridge National qualifications, grades will also take into account any units students submitted earlier in the course and those completed in the summer term.

Grades submitted by the centre have been moderated by exam boards and may not reflect the grades submitted by the centre, however the grades we submitted to the exam boards were agreed following a rigorous internal quality assurance process. They are not the sole responsibility of any individual teacher. Once schools submitted the grades the standardisation process applied by the exam boards is designed to ensure grades awarded this year are consistent with those awarded to other cohorts in other year. Ofqual felt this was the fairest possible approach available under extreme circumstance which means that grades awarded this year are as valid as in any other year. This will allow pupils to progress to the next stage of their lives in the normal way.

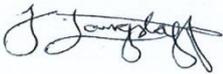
We hope that the grades that you receive on that piece of the paper are the ones you wanted and that they allow you to progress to your next steps as intended by this process. If this is not the case, however there is plenty of support on hand to help you make a decision on what to do next. Please visit our [website](#) for information regarding Enquiries about Results and the Autumn exam series. This information can be found under the heading 'Exams 2021'.

Next steps

We always want to know how every member of our Newman family is getting on so please keep in touch and let us know whatever you are doing next. We'll also be in touch with you to check how you are settling in to your new courses and apprenticeships and to share details of the certificates evening when we can present you with your GCSEs and say a formal farewell to the class of 2021.

We're really looking forward to seeing you all again on what we hope will be a day of celebration for you all.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Langstaff', written in a cursive style.

J LANGSTAFF
Headteacher