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Dear Year 11 parents/carers,

Re: GCSE Results Day 20th August 2020

General

As I have said in previous correspondence, GCSE results day will have to be carefully managed for the safety of pupils collecting their grades **and** the staff in school who are distributing them. This year, sadly, will not be 'normal' in the sense that pupils cannot simply turn up on the morning in school and collect them. Although many other schools are emailing pupils their grades, I believe that the pupils deserve to collect them in person, albeit in a controlled manner. To achieve this some safety measures will have to be implemented. I outline these below for your perusal. I ask that you adhere strictly to the guidelines for the safety of all.

Collection Times, Entry and Exit

I know, and appreciate, that pupils will be excited on the morning in anticipation of their grades. That is why there is a very short window to collect their grades in school before the next form group arrives. The morning will work as follows;

- Pupils arrive at school at the collection time given for their form group [See below]
- Don't arrive earlier as the staff distributing these will not be in school until that time too
- A member of SLT will be on duty to ensure that pupils enter at the correct time
- Pupils enter through reception
- Pupils will be sent to a distribution point to collect
- There are three [3] distribution points: Piazza, Dining room and Hall
- GCSE results are distributed by their Form Tutor
- Pupils will be able to stay for a short time before leaving
- Pupils exit through the green gates
- Entry and exit procedure is to facilitate a one-way system
- The desks are then cleaned ready for the other forms to enter
- Sadly, parents will not be permitted to enter the school building

Collection Time	Piazza	Dining Room	Hall
09.30	11EML	11RTU	11SBH
10.00	11DWN	11NML	11SBY
10.30	11PGL	11JON	11JMY & 11MYS

If you do not want to collect on Thursday 20th August, please email mjinks@stdamians.co.uk and we will email the results to you on the day.

Brief Explanation of 'Nationally Standardised Grades'

As well as the above differences, the results day will also be different this year as pupils will not be receiving results for exams taken but will be receiving 'Nationally Standardised Grades' awarded by the exam boards. These could be different from the 'Centre Assessed Grades' that St Damian's put forward as the *most likely* grade your child would achieve in *each* subject if they had sat the exam as normal.

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However, parents and pupils need to understand that it is the 'Nationally Standardised Grades' that will be recognised by colleges and higher education institutions and employers in the future. The most important thing is to support our great Year 11 pupils and ensure they get on to the right post-16 pathways. Tameside schools, colleges, providers, teaching unions and the Council have come together to ensure this support is in place and we fully anticipate that for the vast majority of pupils the process will be straightforward. However, if for any reason you would like to know your child's centre assessed grades, you can email the school on admin@stdamians.co.uk and we will respond week commencing 24th August.

Appeals and 're-sitting'

Pupils who are unhappy with their grades will have the opportunity to take their exams in the autumn or in summer 2021. If they choose to do this, pupils will be able to use the higher of the two grades for future progression. Details on this process will be shared on the day as at the time of writing it is still not available.

Data Consent Form

On the day, pupils will be asked to complete a data consent form. This will only be used by the school so that we can track your child's future progress in a manner that celebrates our alumni. I ask that on the day pupils fill this in and leave it in school. Thanks in advance.

Careers Guidance

Mrs Henshaw will be available on the day to answer any queries with regards to Careers. I attach a flyer with regards to the Careers Service. Positive Steps Careers Service will be available to provide independent career advice by calling 0800 484 0407/0161 621 9292 or emailing tamesidecareers@positive-steps.org.uk.

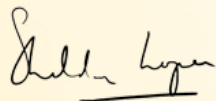
Conclusion

The above is subject to change depending upon National Guidelines which may change between the time of writing and 20th August. If there are any changes, I will ensure that you are informed in an appropriate and timely manner.

Finally, whilst I am delighted to be able to welcome your child to school to collect their results, I apologise in advance for the restrictions that have had to be put in place to distribute your child's GCSE results. This limited way of celebrating pupil success is not the 'St Damian's way'. Over many previous years we have always had great reason to celebrate with our children. I have no doubt that we will be celebrating success again this year, albeit in a different way. I hope you understand that there is no other way to do this in a safe manner. I thank you in advance, in anticipation of your support and co-operation on this day.

Good luck to your children, our great pupils in the class of 2020.

Mr Logue



Headteacher