

16 July 2020

Arrangements for the distribution of Year 11 results

Dear Parents and Students

In consultation with other Kent Headteachers, and in light of the government announcements for Year group bubbles, I would like to make you aware of Knole Academy's plans for the collection of examination results this year.

Year 11 results will be available on the 20 August 2020.

The results will be available via the Insight portal at 8.00am on the release day. In addition to this, Knole Academy will be holding an exam collection event for those students wishing to collect their results in person.

We would like to invite all Year 11 students to attend the Oaks Theatre on the 20 August between 11.00am -12.00pm. We ask that only Year 11 students enter the buildings, and especially the Oaks Theatre. As a Year group, students are a distinct bubble and are therefore allowed to mix, however, we encourage social distancing to be observed. As we were unable to hold a Headteacher's reception in June, we intend to host the event in this collection window. As part of this celebration, a video will be presented in the Oaks Theatre at 11.15am to commemorate the last 5 years at Knole.

We are not able to accommodate the collection of results by third parties this year, even with letters of approval. As well as the option to check results via Insight all uncollected results will be put into the post on the 20 August.

As I stated in previous communication, Knole Academy will honour the grades that we have submitted to the exam boards in determining whether to offer places in the Sixth Form. I hope the grades that students are awarded correlate closely with our submitted grades, but we obviously have no control over this. We shall enclose a letter stating whether students have met the entry requirements with the examination results.

If students are unhappy with their grades, they have the option to appeal or retake the exams. The appeal process this year only covers administrative errors or cases of discrimination; therefore, it is not really an avenue to improve grades.

Following the Ofqual consultation, you have the opportunity to sit your summer 2020 exams in the autumn term should you wish to improve your grade. Whilst we do not have specific subject dates yet, the GCSE exams will be held between the 2 - 23 November 2020. I must reiterate that these are not mandatory exams. If a student has been awarded a lower grade than we have predicted, the academy will pay for the cost of the exam. If the student received their predicted grade, then we will ask the candidate to cover the entry cost.

The Easter tracking report, that is available on insight will give you a reasonably accurate guide to the grades submitted to the exam boards, and therefore an indication of whether the academy will cover the cost of entry.

Regardless of where you intend to study for post-16, or enter employment, should you intend to sit your GCSE in the autumn term, your exam will be held here at Knole Academy.

Should you decide after the results day that you wish to improve on a grade and wish to be entered for the autumn exam season, you will need to complete this form as soon as possible.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WGzc40O86E--PKK6wf9rifdk2p_N8xZFlc0w8_u8KfNUN1NROEVQMVhSMjFZTDRNTkdRNVBMQ0RHRS4u

The deadline to be entered for GCSE (excl. English and Maths) is **18 September 2020** and for English and Maths the **3 October 2020**.

I hope that the results you receive are an accurate reflection of the efforts that you have committed to your studies over the last five years. I hope to see many of you on the 20 August and hope that the majority of students will be re-joining us next year. I wish you all the very best in the future.

Yours faithfully



David Collins
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