



12 August 2020

Dear Year 13 students and parents/carers,

RE: A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST 2020

I do hope that this letter finds you well. As we approach A-Level results day on Thursday, I write to remind you of the arrangements for results collection and student support/ queries.

In the light of confusing media coverage, I have also attached links to three documents from Ofqual, who oversee the examinations and awarding processes across England so you have piece of mind and clarity. The first is a Student Guide to the awarding, standardisation and appeals processes. The second is a Student guide to appeals and malpractice or maladministration complaints. The third is a link to a letter for parents/carers providing a summary of this summer's awarding process and some links to further information:

1. Student Guide to the awarding, standardisation and appeals processes.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907493/Student_Guide_Summer_2020_6.8.2020_12.30.pdf

2. Student guide to appeals and malpractice or maladministration complaints.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907925/Information_for_students_about_malpractice-7-8-2020.pdf

3. Letter for parents/carers providing a summary of this summer's awarding process.

<http://edu15.sprintsand.co.uk/b1/ed.php?SID=2399076&C=d09da534c9839d181300d7691912d357&S=250&LID=117&STATID=100>

Collection of results

This Thursday, Year 13 students are able to collect **results from 9:00am**. Students have been informed of their **allocated time slot**. Results can be collected from the front of school, outside Reception (weather permitting), otherwise the sports hall will be used. Times are staggered to ensure **social distancing** is adhered to. Each allocated time slot will contain no more than six other students.

Family members are able to support students when collecting their results but are asked to remain offsite, again to ensure social distancing. Social distancing will be required by students whilst on the school site and there will be a requirement to use hand sanitiser when they arrive. The Senior Leadership Team and Ms Ashby will be on hand to offer support with advice for next steps and university applications. Mr L Wilson, Assistant Head leading Sixth Form, can also be contacted via email on LWilson@harrogatehighschool.co.uk

If students would like someone else to collect their results on their behalf (including family members), students must provide written authorisation to school before results day. The Exams Manager, Mr I Wilson, can be contacted on IWilson@harrogatehighschool.co.uk



[If students can't collect their results, they will be sent to them via their secure Harrogate High School email by the end of Friday 14th August.](#)

Appeals

Due to the unusual nature of this year's exams, Ofqual has decided it would not be in the interests of students or the fairness of the arrangements overall to facilitate an appeals process in the traditional sense. **But if you have concerns please speak to a member of the staff on results day, a simple conversation may allay many concerns.**

However, if you have concerns about bias, discrimination or any other factor that suggests that the school did not behave with care or integrity when determining the centre assessment grade you should raise these concerns with the school, in the first instance; or take your concerns to the relevant exam board. These concerns must be **evidenced** based and have clear grounds, disagreement or dissatisfaction with the awarded grade alone are insufficient grounds as stated in the guidance from Ofqual. They should be made in writing to Mr I Wilson, Exams Manager at the email address stated above.

Autumn Exams

Ofqual has confirmed that Year 13 students will have the opportunity to sit all of the exams that they were entered for in October, or Summer 2021, if they wish. For further information, please contact the Mr I Wilson, Exams Manager on the email above.

We look forward to seeing our students on Thursday and would like to take this opportunity to thank them again for their hard work and commitment throughout their education at Harrogate High School. We are incredibly proud of all of our Year 13 students, how they have flourished throughout their education, and how they have coped with the adversity that they have faced over recent months.

We do still intend to formally mark the end of their time at HHS at some point during the next academic year, when we are able to.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Clarke
Head of Academy