

13 July 2020

Dear *student*

I hope that you continue to be well and that you are enjoying some new opportunities in light of lockdown restrictions changing. Despite the easing of the measures in place, we are still in the position of needing to plan for a different kind of results day this year. Our aim is to ensure that all students receive their results on 13 August (A Level results day) at exactly the same time, but also to provide the opportunity to collect your results from the school should you wish. This will enable the staff present to offer congratulations and any guidance and advice needed regarding next steps in regard to university, apprenticeships and employment. All of this will of course need to be done whilst maintaining social distancing. The procedure that we have designed in order to make this possible is as follows:

- All students will receive their A Level results via email at 8.00 am. In order for us to comply with the GDPR, the results will need to be sent to your school email address. If your parents wish to receive a copy of your results then **you** need to inform the school that you give your permission for this to happen. You can do this by emailing [exams@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:exams@driffieldschool.org.uk) from your school email account with the following statement: "I give my permission for my parent [insert name] to also receive the email containing my examination results. Please can you send that email to [insert parent email address]"
- Time slots, allocated by tutor group, are shown below and outline when you can collect a hard copy of the result slip you will have been emailed and meet staff. Student arrivals have been staggered in 10 minute blocks to help maintain distancing. I have reserved the first hour, from 8am to 9am, to support those students who have not yet had confirmation or secured a destination and will be available in the Sixth Form Study Centre.

Tutor group and surname letters	Time	Tutor group and surname letters	Time
13B - Surname A-J	09:00	13D – Surname Q-W	09:50
13B – Surname K-W	09:10	13E – Surname A-L	10:00
13C – Surname A-E	09:20	13E – Surname M-W	10:10
13C – Surname F-W	09:30	13F – Surname A-O	10:20
13D – Surname A-P	09:40	13F – Surname P-W	10:30

- You will be collecting results from the **North Hall** and staff will give you clear instructions about social distancing etc. when you arrive.
- Your parents are more than welcome to accompany you on to site in order to collect their results, but we would request that only you enter the hall to aid our social distancing measures.

### Next steps conversations

Any student that needs a conversation with me, or a member of the Sixth Form team, regarding University entry or their next steps, can report to the Sixth Form study area at 8.00 am where students will be seen and supported on arrival.

Usually on A Level results day, the following takes place:

On the morning of your results, usually from about 7.00 am onwards you can use Track to check and see if you have been confirmed on your firm, or insurance choice. It will not tell you the grades you've gained, but it will let you know if you have been accepted on to a course or not. This updates throughout the day, so if it doesn't tell you when you log on, **don't worry**, it is just that your university hasn't updated details yet. Once you have your results and have checked Track, you will have the following options:

- 1) You've achieved the entry criteria for your first choice and are in.
- 2) You've not achieved the entry criteria for your first choice, but have gained the grades for your insurance choice and are in.
- 3) You have achieved higher grades than you expected and exceeded your offer..... You are now eligible for **"Adjustment"**. If you register for this on UCAS Track you can see what courses are available at other universities which your grades mean you can access. Then, if you want, you can apply to these universities. Whilst you are going through this process you can retain your original offers so if you decide not to move choice you can still go to where you originally intended.
- 4) You've not met the entry criteria for your university choices, but they have still accepted you anyway.

If you have not met the entry criteria for your university choices, you may choose to enter **"Clearing"**. If you need to enter clearing, do not worry that it will be a mad scramble of "first come first served". Clearing does not close until late September and universities will be allocating places right up until this point. If you need to use Clearing, log on to UCAS Track and choose the Clearing option. This will show you all the courses that are available around the country. My advice would then be to ring the institutions of your choice (you should do this rather than a parent as they are looking for independent young adults) to ask if they will accept you with your grades/points totals. Be prepared to wait on hold. If the establishment says they will accept you, then you can enter the choice on Track and UCAS will process it all. Throughout the clearing period, universities will discount their entry criteria so be patient and persistent and you will often end up at your destination of choice.

I will be around throughout the rest of the day on 13 August **and** the following morning to help with anyone trying to negotiate this option.

Can I also ask that if you have any resources, such as textbooks for your subjects, that you return them to the Sixth Form when you come in to collect your results. It is really important that we are able to equip next year's A level students. You will also be able to return your locker keys at this time.

I appreciate that this is all very different to the usual results day procedure, but I will continue to do all we can to support you and celebrate your achievements, whilst ensuring that everyone remains as safe as possible during this time.

If you have any further queries regarding the results day procedure please contact me on [dandrews@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:dandrews@driffieldschool.org.uk) .

Yours sincerely



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