

Highlands School

19 August 2020

Dear parents and year 11 students,

I am writing to update you on the following:

1. The results your child will receive on year 11 results day, Thursday 20th August.
2. The timings of results day.
3. Information about enrolling at Highlands School sixth form.

### **The results your child will receive on 20th August 2020**

This has been a results series like no other. I am sure you will have been following the news over the past week and will be aware that it has been a particularly anxious time for many students and their families. We hope that the government's recent announcement, that your child will be awarded the higher of either their centre assessed grade (CAG) or their awarded grade, has provided some welcome clarity.

To clarify, a centre assessed grade is the grade that was submitted by the school to the examination awarding bodies in May. Each grade submitted was formulated based on a range of factors including student performance and a robust internal standardisation process. The awarded grade is one which was formulated based on an algorithm the exams regulator, Ofqual, applied. In most cases, but not all, the algorithm considered the centre assessed grade (CAG) as part of the calculation.

BTEC or NCFE results are based on units. This means the exam board has calculated the grade based on completed units, centre assessments and exam board projections

### **Appealing grades**

We understand that some students may receive results that they wish to query or appeal. The government has yet to publish final guidance on how the appeal process will work. Therefore tomorrow we will be unable to discuss the appeal process. We will communicate to students, parents and carers once the exam regulator provides further details.

### **Year 11 GCSE results day on 20th August 2020**

Year 11 results will be available for collection at school on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020. So that social distancing can be maintained students should arrive at the following times and line up on the concourse before entering the building to collect their results.

- 10am Beech house
- 10.30am Willow house
- 11am Oak house
- 11.30am Rowan house

Students will be given a sealed envelope containing their results, a letter letting them know whether they have a confirmed place at Highlands sixth form and an enrolment form. They will also collect a year 11 leaver pack consisting of a tote bag, water bottle and the yearbook. Students who ordered a hooded sweatshirt will be able to collect this at the same time. Students will then be invited to attend a progression interview with a member of the

Highlands School leadership team where they will have the opportunity to discuss their results and enroll into Highlands sixth form if they wish.

If parents wish to accompany their child to collect their results they can do this. Please bear in mind that social distancing regulations continue to be in place.

### **Highlands School sixth form enrolment day on 20th / 21st August**

Highlands sixth form enrolment day will take place on results day, Thursday 20th August, from 10am. After students have collected their results they will have the opportunity to speak to a member of the leadership team or the sixth form team about their next steps and enrolment. Information will also be provided about the start of term and sixth form induction process in September. Ms Hutchinson will also be available if any students wish to speak to her.

We appreciate that some students may prefer to take their envelopes home to open. These students are invited to attend school on Friday 21st August at 9am to speak to a member of staff about their sixth form enrolment.

Best wishes,

Mr McInerney

Headteacher