

Dear Parents,

This was most certainly not the end that we had envisaged to your son's or daughter's time in Year 11 at Beechwood, but they must now look to the next stage of their academic or vocational futures. It has been my absolute pleasure to have had the opportunity to work closely with such wonderful pupils and I hope that we have helped make their transition, through these difficult final stages of their school life, as easy as possible.

There is of course one more event where we can be of assistance – Results Day. This year the GCSE results will be available on Thursday 20th August 2020. Given the exceptional circumstances it is right that we look at contingency plans for the day. If you are unable to attend in person, we will be looking to email the results to the pupils using that addresses on our school system. If they require them to be sent to another address please can our Examinations Officer, Mrs. Louise Neill, be informed directly. (l.neill@beechwood.org.uk)

That said, we fully understand that collecting the results in person is a momentous occasion and having been denied so many other events this year we will be opening the school from 8am on the Thursday morning and a dedicated team of staff and tutors will be there to help distribute results and guide pupils through any difficult decisions.

Please see the attached document for how grades are being awarded this year. Grades have equal status as they would for other years and will be reported in the same way on results slips and certificates.

Ofqual have stated that students are not able to appeal their individual results, unless they have evidence of discrimination, however there will be opportunities for the students to sit examinations in the autumn if they feel that they should have done better. They will need to sit all written component parts of the qualification. Any examinations taken will need to be paid for by the individual taking the exam and this will incur extra costs.

Obviously, we hope that we will not need to worry about such things and look forward to celebrating with you all on the day. As a school we are immensely proud of our pupils and all their achievements and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the future.

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Process for awarding GCSEs, AS and A levels summer 2020

Step 1 - School or college considers and submits centre assessment grade and rank order information

For each student for each subject

Centre assessment grade based on evidence of performance

For example
A level geography

Any non-exam assessment work

Classwork

Homework

Mock exams

Other relevant evidence



Position in rank order of students on that grade

Grade A



1

2

3

4

5

Grade B



1

2

3

4

Step 2 - Exam boards standardise grades using statistical model developed with

For each subject



Statistical standardisation

What results might the school or college be most likely to achieve given the following?

- previous national results in the subject
- the prior attainment of its students this year compared to previous years
- the school or college results in recent years

Centre assessment grade

Rank order

A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B
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If grades are generous, adjust grades down

Calculated grade

A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
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If grades are severe, adjust grades up

Calculated grade

A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B
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