

THE LEIGH ACADEMY



17th July 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Results Day

On the 18th March 2020, the Secretary of State for Education announced that the summer 2020 GCSE, AS and A level exam series would be cancelled in order to help fight the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and that students due to sit the exams would be awarded a grade based on an assessment of the grade they would have been most likely to achieve had exams gone ahead. Schools and colleges were asked to use their professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade they believe a student would have achieved had they sat their exams this year, taking into account the full range of available evidence.

To make sure that grades are fair across all schools and colleges nationally, exam boards will put all centre assessment grades through a standardisation process using a model developed with Ofqual (Office for Qualification and Examination Regulation). The standardisation model draws on the following sources of evidence: historical outcomes for each centre; the prior attainment (Key Stage 2 or GCSE) of each student and those in previous years within each centre; and the expected national grade distribution for the subject given the prior attainment of the national entry.

For AS/A levels, the standardisation considers historical data from 2017, 2018 and 2019. For GCSEs, it considers data from 2018 and 2019, except where only a single year of data is available. This means that the centre assessment grades submitted by schools and colleges and the final grade that students receive could differ. It also means that adjustments to centre assessment grades might be different in different subjects.

It is important to note that schools and colleges were not permitted, by Ofqual, to share provisional grades with students or parents and carers to protect the integrity of the process, through which teachers' judgements are arrived at and to avoid teachers feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence. Consequently, in the event of centres receiving requests for personal information used to award grades this year prior to the announcement of results, the Information Commissioner's Office has confirmed that the exemption under Schedule 2, paragraph 25 of the Data Protection Act 2018 will apply to centre assessment grades.

Results will be released on 13th August 2020 for A level and 20 August 2020 for GCSE. As usual students will also be able to appeal their grades if they believe the process this summer was not followed correctly. The cost of all appeals must be paid by parents.

Any student who believes a grade they receive this summer does not reflect their ability will also be eligible to sit an exam in the autumn. Exam boards must offer the full suite of GCSE, AS and A level qualifications for examination in the autumn. Students will not have to sit exams in all subjects, but may take exams in as many subjects as they wish. If a student seeks to take exams in a particular subject they will be required to take all the exam papers relating to that subject. The format of exam papers will be the same as those usually offered in the summer. Where a student has been awarded a grade this summer below the centre assessed grade submitted by the academy the cost of autumn examination will be paid by the academy. The cost of sitting an examination where grades awarded are equal to or above the submitted centre assessed grade must be paid for by parents.

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/897425/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_and_A_level_Extended_Project_Qualification_and_Advanced_Extension_Award_in_maths_020720.pdf

Please see below, for overview of the Year 13 and Year 11 results day procedures, as sent to you earlier this month:

Year 13- Thursday 13th August 2020

In order to remain “Covid-Secure”, we will be staggering the arrival times, and these will stretch from 9.00am -11.00am, in colleges in 30 minute slots.

8.00 am The academy opens.
8.00 am – 9.00 am Students applying to university to check UCAS Track at home.
9.00am – 11.00am Year 13 arrival to collect results.

Time of arrival	College
9:00am	Brunel
9:30am	Chaucer
10:00am	Darwin
10:30am	Da Vinci

Year 11- Thursday 20th August 2020

In order to remain “Covid-Secure”, we will be staggering the arrival times, and these will stretch from 9.00am -11.00am, in colleges in 30-minute slots.

Time of arrival	College
9:30am	Darwin
10:00am	Da Vinci
10:30am	Brunel
11:00am	Chaucer

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Yours faithfully



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