



MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIALIST ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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Dear Parents

We would like to update you on examinations that were due to be sat in the summer 2020.

On 18 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) and students would be awarded a grade based on an assessment of the grade they would have been most likely to achieve had examinations gone ahead. The Secretary of State for Education explained the government's intention that results would be issued to this year's cohort based on a range of evidence and data, including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment. The same principles also apply to vocational courses such as BTECs and technical awards.

We are now considering all the evidence available to us to ensure that grades awarded this year are as fair as possible for your child. The school will provide a centre assessed grade to the examination board. However, this grade may be altered by the examination board once the national statistical standardisation process has been applied. Schools have been instructed not to share provisional grades with students or parents before final results have been issued. For this reason, we politely request that you do not ask any teacher or member of support staff for information regarding centre assessed grades awarded.

Students will not be asked to complete or submit any further work, including coursework, towards their examinations. Although students may feel that they have not had the opportunity to present their best work, we would ask that you place your trust in your child's teachers as they know their capabilities very well. All teachers have the best interests of pupils at heart and are highly skilled professionals who are adept at considering a range of progress and assessment evidence throughout the school year.

Results days will remain the same as originally planned:

A Level and vocational level 3 courses – Thursday 13 August 2020

GCSE and vocational level 2 courses – Thursday 20 August 2020

If you have not done so already, we advise you to read the Ofqual 'Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers', provided with this letter. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via email: school@maghullhigh.com.

Teachers are still available to provide advice and guidance regarding your child's next steps, be that moving on to sixth form, apprenticeship, university, or the workplace. We will endeavor to keep you informed of any further guidance released by Ofqual or the Department for Education.

Until then, take good care and stay safe.

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