

27th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ref: GCSE Results Collection – Thursday 20th August 2020

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the collection of your child's GCSE results on Thursday 20th August 2020.

Please could I ask you to read the following details carefully and ensure that your child is aware of the necessary information and the instructions that they must follow in order to be able to collect their results safely, on Thursday 20th August.

As you will be aware, the school currently has to operate under carefully controlled conditions in order to help protect students, staff and others, in relation to the potential spread of coronavirus. We have therefore, had to put in some additional control measures this year in relation to how we will operate our GCSE results sharing.

Hopefully, you will be pleased to hear, that we have taken the decision, to operate the results sharing in person, on-site, this year rather than sharing them electronically via email. We believe, based upon government guidance that it is safe for us to do so, as long as we put into place the necessary safety controls, such as hand hygiene, safe social distancing and the use of a larger space venue. The details of this are explained to your child below, which we would ask that they adhere to, in order to keep themselves and others safe. We are particularly pleased to be able to conduct the results sharing on a face to face basis, this year, following the incredible events that prevented your child from concluding their education and time with us earlier this year. It will be great to see your child once again, and I know the staff are also really keen to see them in person once again.

Please note that your child and/or yourself must not leave your home to travel and attend school on GCSE results day on 20th August, if they, yourself, or someone from your household, has any coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms, or is in a period of self-isolation due to previous infection.

The arrangements for the GCSE results collection on Thursday 20th August, are as follows. We would ask again that your child reads the information carefully, and then fully adheres to the details contained below, in order to keep themselves and others safe.

Thursday 20th August 2020

- 10:00am onwards GCSE Exam Results Day in the Sports Hall.
- Please note, that if weather permits, we may host the event outdoors on the Tennis Courts. However, for planning purposes and for your information regarding the necessary covid-19 controls (which would remain almost identical to those listed below), the event arrangements at this point, are planned initially for the Sports Hall. Should this change due to exceptionally good weather, which would allow us to hold it outdoors on the Tennis Courts, then the only main change to the information listed below, would be that students would be directed onto the Tennis Courts upon arrival instead of to the Sports Hall. All other hygiene and safe social distancing controls must remain the same.
- Students to arrive via the Mile End Lane pedestrian gate from 10:00am. Results will not be available before this time.
- Students should not plan to arrive at the Mile End gate any earlier than is necessary and not before 9.50am in any event, in order to limit unnecessary social gathering. Results sharing will begin from 10.00am and will continue through until 11.30am. Therefore, there is no need for your child to

panic about having to be first to arrive or to arrive exactly at 10.00am. To help us safely control the overall numbers of students arriving together on-site at any one time (as we must), we would ask that, where possible as a guide, students try to arrive at staggered times, via Tutor groups at the following interval times from 10.00am. We appreciate that this may not be possible for all students in all circumstances, but adherence to the times listed below where it is possible, would be helpful to us in safely managing student numbers:

- 10.00 - Klee
 - 10.05 - Van Gogh
 - 10.10 - Escher
 - 10.15 - Picasso
 - 10.20 - Da Vinci
 - 10.25 - Goldsworthy
 - 10.30 - Riley
 - 10.35 - Lowry
 - 10.40 - Monet
 - 10.45 – Turner
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- If your child is anxious about returning to a busy environment, we would advise that they maybe arrive around 11.00am after most others have already collected their results and left.
 - Students should also avoid travelling and then gathering closely together in less than the government advised safe social distancing of less than 2 metres where possible.
 - All students must use the mobile hand sanitising unit, provided at the Mile End Lane gate, upon their arrival, before entering the school grounds.
 - Students will then be guided to enter the Sports Hall via the rear Fire door entrance (supervised and sign posted). Students will then be allowed into the Sports Hall to collect their results, but only in controlled numbers, and it may be necessary for us to ask your child to momentarily wait outside the Sports Hall by the rear astro-turf area, if there are too many students in attendance at one time. As you would expect, we cannot for safety reasons allow all students to enter and congregate in the Sports Hall at the same time.
 - Staff will be on hand to issue your child with their results which will be privately enveloped for them to take away.
 - Students must sign their name to confirm receipt of their GCSE results. Due to covid-19 safety controls which guides us away from lending equipment to students, all students must bring their own black pen with them, in order to sign for their GCSE results.
 - Students will also be asked to indicate their intended Post-16 destination (college or apprenticeship provider) and, if they have not already done so (when they collected their leavers' hoodies), complete a data consent form. A copy is attached for students to read in advance and if possible, to print off, sign and bring in on the day to speed up the process. Spare copies will be available to complete and sign on results day, if your child is unable to print it off in advance.
 - All students must ensure that they respect the safe social distancing when on-site, and particularly when in the Sports Hall. Importantly, your child must maintain a safe social distance from staff/adults when in school, and floor marking will be indicate safe zones for them to remain behind etc. when collecting their results from staff.
 - After receiving their results, all students will have the opportunity to open and view their results there and then should they wish, or alternatively take them away to open afterwards. It is inevitable, that students will want to share and celebrate together which is understandable, particularly given the events of this year and the separation that has occurred. However, you will understand, that I have to advise and remind all students of the importance of them trying, where possible to maintain safe social distancing from their peers, avoiding physical contact and not engaging in hugs and handshakes whilst in school.
 - In terms of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the government currently advise that it is not necessary for students and staff to have to wear face masks or visors when in school, as long as

safe social distancing measures and other reasonable controls are in place. However, should your child wish to wear a mask, then we are happy for them to do so. If your child does wear a mask and wishes to dispose of it whilst on the school grounds then they must do so themselves using a bin provided, in order to reduce the risk of cross contamination.

- Staff will be available to offer some initial advice and guidance, should it be required, regarding results, and post-16 college/apprenticeship routes, and further information and contact details for all of the major post-16 providers will be made available for your child to take away (additional information is also attached, accompanying this letter). It is very important, that your child knows what they intend to do in September, and that they have a confirmed place at a local college or apprenticeship provider. If your child has any doubts regarding this, they must notify us and also make contact with their preferred post-16 provider to ensure that a place is available to them in September. This is particularly important to those students whose results do not meet the entry criteria for the course of their choice.
- Following receipt of your child's results and them having had opportunity to ask any questions that they need from staff, we would politely, ask that your child then makes their way out of the Sports Hall, using the necessary one-way system out through the History corridor, and then leaves immediately via the Mile End pedestrian gate. In order to limit the risks, we would ask that your child does not remain on-site for any longer than is necessary, and that upon leaving via the Mile End Lane gate that they disperse quickly and safely. No students will be allowed access to any other parts of the school, other than the Sports Hall area for the time required to collect their results.
- Parents and carers, are asked if attending with their child, to observe all of the above controls also. If parents and carers wish to wait for their child outside school, as some often do on this occasion each year, they are asked to not gather together near to the pedestrian gate, and to ensure safe social distancing.

What if my child cannot attend?

- Results will NOT be given out over the phone. If students are unable to collect their GCSE results personally on results day, they may:
 - Leave a large, stamped addressed envelope (making sure it has the appropriate stamps for its size) with the Main Office (for the attention of Mrs Wordsworth) so that the results can be posted to them. We will post them on Thursday 20th August and so you must be aware that they will not arrive with students until after results day.
 - Or they must email Mr Beever (from their school email address), the name of someone who can collect them on the student's behalf, but the person collecting must also bring a letter of authorisation signed by the student ("I consent to XXX collecting my GCSE results on my behalf, signed XXX") and they must also have some form of photographic I.D. with them.

On behalf of all of the staff at Stockport School, Mr Beever, Mrs Hall, and I, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout your child's time at Stockport School and particularly during Year 11. The students have worked incredibly hard and shown a phenomenal commitment to after studies over the past five years. We look forward to celebrating with them on 20th August and wish them all well for the future.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mr Beever at c.beever@stockport.stockport.sch.uk or myself, if you have any queries about your child collecting their GCSE results on Thursday 20th August 2020.

Many thanks,



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Headteacher



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