

09 July 2020

Collection of GCSE results Summer 2020

GCSE result's day is Thursday 20th August 2020. Results will be available to collect in person **by the student only** from 10am till 12pm. They will be handed out in either B2 or B3.

Due to this year's unusual circumstances students must follow the following rules when collecting their results.

Please do not arrive before your 30 minute collection window and leave the school site immediately after collecting your results. You must also enter and exit the school building through the nominated doors and follow the one way route specified below.

All students will enter the school building using the door to the right of B2, as viewed from the yard. Students will then walk directly to either B2 or B3. Once they have collected their result's envelope they must leave the classroom and walk directly to exit the school building through the doors on the left hand side of the corridor that accesses B4 and B5. Students must then leave the school site directly.

<u>Registration Group</u>	<u>Collection Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
11ACW	10.00 – 10.30	B2
11DIP	10.00 – 10.30	B3
11GDN	10.30-11.00	B2
11JWR	10.30-11.00	B3
Year 8/9/10 Students	10.30-11.00	B3
11RPM	11.00-11.30	B2
11 SLT	11.00-11.30	B3
11SMR	11.30-12.00	B2
11VMC	11.30-12.00	B3
11 AKM	11.30-12.00	B3
11SXB	11.30-12.00	B3

If the circumstances locally change prior to result's day you will receive an email detailing the new procedure ensuring that students receive their results on August 20th.

If a student is not available on the day then the following options are available:

- The student can send an email giving permission for another person to collect their results. Contained within the email must be the name of the person who is collecting the results on behalf of the student. The students must also confirm in the email that the person who is collecting their results on their behalf has been made aware of the above collection instructions and will arrive at the correct time. The person collecting the results must also be prepared to show photographic identification. Results will not be issued if a person is unable to confirm their identity.
- The student can send an email giving permission for the results to be emailed to them. Contained within this email must be the email address that the student wishes their results to be sent to. The school will aim to send out results by email as close to 10.00AM as possible. The school will not be responsible for attempting to rectify emails that will not deliver due to incorrect email addresses being given.

The school is transferring its email system from Outlook to Google over the holiday. Please do not give your school email address as the one you wish your results to be sent to as it will not work. You must provide an alternative email address.

All emails detailing specific result's day collection requests must be sent to:

resultsday2020@millthorpeschool.co.uk

If you send an email to a different email address there is no guarantee that it will be acted upon. All emails must be received by Wednesday 15th July 2020.

Unfortunately Exam Boards do not allow us to:

- Give out results over the phone.
- Allow anyone else to collect results without the student's permission, this also applies to parents and guardians.

Students do not have the facility to appeal centre assessed grades, the rank order or the procedure that schools followed to arrive at these grades. However students will be able to raise a complaint to the school if they have **evidence** of bias or that they were discriminated against.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 20th August to celebrate your success.



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Guide for Parents/ Carers: Centre-Assessed Grades

The decision by the Government to replace exams with Centre Assessed Grades has been very unsettling for students and families. Throughout this process our overriding aim has been to be fair to students and to do everything we can to make sure they are not disadvantaged in taking the next steps in their education.

This document gives you more information about how Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) have been awarded for each subject and how this information will be moderated by the exam boards and Ofqual.

What is a Centre Assessed Grade (CAG)?

A Centre Assessed Grade is the grade a school/college believes a student would have achieved if teaching and learning had continued as normal for the rest of the academic year, and exams had been sat as normal.

How were the Centre Assessed Grades decided by School?

The exam boards asked all schools to submit two pieces of information for each individual subject a student was entered for. These were

- the grade they believed students were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as normal
- a rank order of students by performance for each grade in the individual subject

We considered a range of evidence to help us produce this information. This included

- the quality of classwork and homework
- results in assignments and mock exams
- any non-exam assessment or coursework that had been completed
- general progress throughout each course.

This information was then reviewed and moderated within school to ensure that the grades we submitted for each student were robust, and in line with our expectations.

It is important to remember that we did not simply use the last piece of graded work we had for a student, or solely their results in formal assessments such as their PPEs. We used the totality of the information described above to arrive at the CAG.

We have not considered any work completed after national school closures happened. The Department for Education made it clear that any work completed after 20 March should not be considered in the CAG process. This was to avoid students who were not able to complete work at home being disadvantaged.

The process we have used to determine CAGs has been robust and fully meets the guidance from Ofqual and exam boards.



How was the CAG process moderated in school?

The following steps were followed for all subject areas

1. All teaching staff took part in a video conferencing call in which the CAG process was explained
2. Each individual class teacher then estimated a CAG using the evidence described above. This resulted in them giving students the overall grade they were most likely to have achieved if exams had been sat. These judgements took into account that some students would have had Access Arrangements in place for their exams. Where this was the case the Centre Assessed Grade assumed all access arrangements were in place as if exams had happened as normal
3. Department teams reviewed and moderated the grading of their students to ensure that all teachers had followed the same process
4. Individual video conference moderation meetings were held between the Head of School and Deputy Head with each Head of Department. These video conference meetings looked at the CAGs for each subject and compared them to previous years' results and the evidence that the departments used to determine the CAG
5. Departments worked together to rank order the students within each grade in each subject using consistent evidence to determine their rank order
6. Results were submitted to exam boards after being triple checked by three members of staff

How will Centre Assessed Grades be used to calculate final exam grades for students?

This information will now be used by exam boards and Ofqual to standardise grades nationally across schools and colleges. This is to make sure that results are as fair as possible. This process should also ensure that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged because their school/ college is more generous or harsh than others when grading GCSE, BTEC and A Level subjects.

Ofqual and the exam boards will consider the following information when deciding a student's final grade in each subject:

- The CAG grades and the rank order submitted by each school
- Individual KS2 results data for each student
- Each school's historical data (for GCSE this is the previous two academic years)
- Specific subject performance within a school's historic results
- The expected national grade distribution for each subject

This process may result in the final grade awarded to students being different from the CAG submitted by school.

Any change to grades will happen at subject level and not at a whole school level. We will not know if any of the grades we have submitted have been changed until we receive the results in school.

When will students get their results?

Students will receive their results on the national exam results days which is Thursday 20 August.

What if someone believes the grade that has been awarded is incorrect or unfair?

Once the exam results are released to us we will carefully check these against the Centre Assessed Grades and rankings we have submitted. This will be to check for any clerical errors. If we find any potential errors we will appeal to the exam board to ask them to look into this. We will inform any students that this may have an impact on.

Ofqual have decided that individual appeals about results will only be possible in exceptional cases. This is because of the unique nature of this year's exam series. Further information can be found in the document that Ofqual published on 30 June 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-publishes-more-details-on-appeals-and-confirms-autumn-exam-arrangements>

If a student is unhappy about a final grade(s) they will have the opportunity to discuss this with members of staff who will advise them on next steps.

Students will have the opportunity to take resit exams in the Autumn Term. Ofqual have committed to running a full suite of resits. Further details about the resit exams will be released by Ofqual and exam boards in due course. We will update students and families about the resit exams once we have more information.