

To: All Year 11 Students

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Dear Student

Re: Year 11 Results Day

I am writing to give you some information about results day this summer. We had hoped to be able to invite all students together for this celebratory occasion. However with the recent significant increase in coronavirus cases in our local community, we have had to make some small changes to the plans for the day to allow for social distancing.

Our aim is still to make sure you all receive your results at the same time, and also to provide the opportunity for you to collect your results from the school should you wish. This will allow school staff to offer their congratulations and also give guidance on next steps should you need it. Please see further details below, and should you have any questions about results day, please contact your Head of House.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming you on results day.

Best wishes



Barry Gray
Deputy Headteacher

GCSE Results Day 2021: Frequently Asked Questions

When is GCSE results day?

Results day is Thursday 12 August.

How were my grades arrived at?

Teacher Assessed Grades were submitted to exam boards by the school as a holistic assessment of your performance in a subject. The way we arrived at these grades is outlined in our JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) approved Centre Policy, which can be found on our website here: <https://southhunsley.org.uk/files/uploads/2021/06/South-Hunsley-School-Centre-Policy-April-202111354-1.pdf>. These grades were then approved by exam boards following external quality assurance checks.

How will I receive my results?

You will receive your GCSE results by email shortly after 8.30am. In order for us to comply with GDPR, the results will be sent to your school email address. If for any reason your parents or carers wish to receive a copy of your results as well, then *you* need to inform the school that you give your permission for this to happen. You can do this by emailing summer2021@southhunsley.org.uk from your school email account with the following statement: "I give permission for my parent/carer [insert their name] to also receive the email containing my exam results. Please can you send that email to [insert parent/carer email address]." Please note that this may lead to a short delay in you receiving your own results email on results day morning.

You have been allocated a time slot (shown in the table below) in which to collect a printed copy of your results, speak to staff and enrol in the Sixth Form should you wish to do so. Student arrivals have been staggered in fifteen minute intervals to support social distancing.

You can collect your results from **The Space**. Please follow the signs to the glass walled entrance. Staff will be on hand to give instructions about social distancing and the one way system when you arrive.

The Space			
Tutor group	Time	Tutor group	Time
1101	09:15	1107	10.45
1102	09:30	1108	11.00
1103	09:45	1109	11.15
1104	10:00	1110	11.30
1105	10.15	1111	11.45
1106	10:30	1112	12.00

Your parents are welcome to accompany you to collect your results, but we will ask that they wait outside The Space to help with our social distancing measures.

What do I do if I think that my grade is incorrect or I am not happy with my grade?

All students have the opportunity to appeal their grade if they think it is incorrect. It is important to note that an appeal may result in a grade being moved down, staying the same, or going up.

You also have the option to re-sit GCSEs in the autumn if you are not happy with your grade. The design, content and assessment of these papers will be the same as in a normal year.

What are the stages of an appeal?

There are two stages to an appeal:

Stage 1: centre review

All appeals must first go through a centre review. The school checks for administrative and procedural errors.

Stage 2: appeal to the exam board

If you still don't think you have the correct grade after the centre review is complete, you can ask the school to appeal to the exam board on your behalf.

What are the grounds for appeal?

As stated in the JCQ guidance on appeals:

“Any student may submit a request for a centre review on the grounds that the centre has

- *failed to follow its procedures properly or consistently in arriving at that result or*
- *made an administrative error in relation to the result.”*

Examples of this are:

- entering the wrong data in a spreadsheet
- you were not informed of the evidence on which we based your grade
- we did not take into account access arrangements you were entitled to, such as extra time

If you still don't think you have the correct grade after the centre review is complete, you can ask the school to appeal to the exam board on your behalf.

The JCQ guidance also states:

*“Any student who considers that there has been a procedural error, an administrative error or that their grade reflects an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement (either because of the way that the grade has been determined and/or the selection of the evidence), may submit a request for an awarding organisation appeal **after they have received the outcome of their centre review.***

A centre must submit an appeal to the awarding organisation if the student considers that:

- a. the centre did not follow its procedure properly or consistently in arriving at the result, or during the centre review*
- b. the awarding organisation made an administrative error in relation to the result*
- c. the centre made an **unreasonable exercise of academic judgement** in the choice of evidence from which to determine the grade and/or the determination of that grade from the evidence.”*

What does ‘unreasonable’ mean?

‘Unreasonable’ in this context means that no educational professional acting reasonably could have selected the same evidence or arrived at the same grade.

The JCQ guidance states:

“The focus of any appeal will be on whether the Teacher Assessed Grade was unreasonable and not that any other grade or mark would have been reasonable. The independent reviewer will consider whether the original Teacher Assessed Grade decision was reasonable. The independent reviewer will not consider whether they would have given an alternative grade or whether an alternative grade could also reasonably have been given. There may be a difference of opinion as to the assessed grade without there being an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement. The reviewer will only conclude that there has been an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement

if the Teacher Assessed Grade was clearly wrong – i.e. there was no basis upon which the grade could properly have been given.”

Because of the flexibility of the approach this year, every school and college will have used different forms of evidence. Just because other evidence *could* have been used does not automatically make the evidence used ‘unreasonable’.

Independent reviewers will not remark or grade students’ evidence. Instead, they will look to see whether any teacher acting reasonably could have arrived at the same grade.

How do I make an appeal?

At both stages of the process you will need to submit your appeal to the school with your written consent to conduct the appeal or submit it to the exam board on your behalf. It’s important to remember that your grade can go down, up or stay the same through either stage of the process.

Below is a link to a request form for centre reviews, along with some additional information:

https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/JCQ_Appeals-Guidance_Summer-2021_Appendix-B.pdf.

If after receiving your results you wish to request a centre review, please fill in Page 2 of this form and hand it to a member of the Exams team on results day. Alternatively you can email a copy to summer2021@southhunsley.org.uk.

If after receiving the outcome of a centre review you wish to appeal to the exam board through Stage 2 of the process, please fill in Page 4 of the form and hand or email it to a member of the Exams team again using the address above. Printed copies of the form will be available on results days.

What are the deadlines for appeals?

The deadline for submitting a centre review is Friday 3 September. The deadline for submitting an awarding organisation appeal is Friday 10 September.

How do I enrol in the Sixth Form?

On the morning of results day you will receive an email from the sixth form team. If you have met the entry requirements for your original option choices, you will simply need to complete a short electronic form confirming this. If you wish to change your original options, you will need to come in to school to see us. Please attend at the time indicated for your form group in the table above where possible.

If you have not met the entry requirements for your original option choices, again you will need to come to the Sixth Form Centre to speak to a member of our sixth form team to discuss your options.

I still have some school textbooks at home, what do I do with these?

If you have any resources such as textbooks or revision guides, please bring them to school when you come in to collect your results so that next year’s GCSE students can use them.