

To: All Year 13 Students

Our Ref: 87113114b

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Dear Student

Re: Year 13 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 the Sixth Form Team.

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

Best wishes



Paul Jacobs
Director of Sixth Form

A-Level Results Day 2021: Frequently Asked Questions

When is A-Level results day?

Results day is Tuesday 10 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 results by email at 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 and speak to staff. Student arrivals have been staggered in ten minute intervals to support social distancing. The LRC will be also be open to support students from 8.00am, particularly those students who have not yet had confirmation of their university place or secured a destination. If this applies to you, please make your way to the LRC where a member of staff will assist you.

You will be collecting 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
1301	09:30	1306	10:20
1302	09:40	1307	10:30
1303	09:50	1308	10:40
1304	10:00	1309	10:50
1305	10:10	1310	11:00

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.

How can I get help with UCAS or my next steps?

School staff will be available in the LRC from 8.00am until approximately 3.30pm on Tuesday 10 August and also from 8.00am on Wednesday 11 August. If you require any further assistance outside of these times please contact Mr Jacobs by email and we will do what we can to help.

Mrs Barley will be available alongside one of our local apprenticeship providers in the 'Talky Bit' of the LRC from 9:00am – 12:30pm to support students who are still looking to secure an apprenticeship. Students can also email Mrs Barley (sarah.barley@theeducationalliance.org.uk) for help with this.

A colleague from the University of Hull will also be available to support students with Clearing or any other HE queries in general (not just those relating to the University of Hull) from 9:00am – 12:30pm. Students can also email SCE@hull.ac.uk for general advice if not coming in person.

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.

There is also the option to re-sit exams 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 is a priority appeal?

Priority appeals will be handled more quickly than other appeals, where possible before the UCAS advisory deadline of Tuesday 7 September.

Priority appeals are only open to **students starting university this autumn, who have missed out on the conditions of their firm or insurance offer.**

If you decided not to confirm a firm conditional offer and to go through clearing instead, JCQ cannot offer you a priority appeal.

When making a priority appeal, you will need to include your UCAS number to confirm that it is a genuine priority appeal.

What are the deadlines for priority appeals?

The deadline for requesting a priority appeal is Monday 16 August (students cannot appeal before results day on Tuesday 10 August).

We will endeavour to complete the centre review by Friday 20 August*. If you wish to progress this to an exam board appeal, you must submit this request by Monday 23 August.

*At both stages of the appeals process, there may be the need for specialist, expert knowledge (e.g. from your subject teachers). This may not be possible in August. In such cases, we may have to wait until September, but priority appeals will still be treated as a priority.

What are the deadlines for non-priority appeals?

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

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

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