

July 2020

Dear Student

### **Results Days**

On Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August (or Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August for GCSEs) you will receive your A Level or Applied Level 3 results. I hope that these will give you reason to celebrate although it is strange to think that you will receive results for exams that you were unable to sit as a result of the pandemic.

### **How will I get my results?**

We will make your results available on the Portal from 8am on results day - there is a national embargo on releasing results before this time. Please find enclosed some screenshots of where to find this on the Portal. The results for most applied courses will be available on the Portal in the same way as A Level results. If you study a BTEC with externally assessed exams, e.g. IT, Music Technology, the instructions for accessing your results will be shared with you when these are confirmed.

### **Can I come into College on results day?**

Please only come into College if you have been invited for publicity purposes or it is an emergency. Senior staff will be in College on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August to deal with concerns and queries about your results, but contact us via the main switchboard in the first instance. Please note that if you do come into College, protocols to ensure that physical distancing is maintained and enhanced hygiene rules will apply.

### **How have my results been determined?**

The Centre Assessment Grade and ranking is the teacher's estimate of what each student in the cohort will have achieved in assessments at the end of their course. This was then modified by the examination boards so that it matched expected results across the country. Please note that you should not contact your teachers with questions about the Centre Assessment Grade, ranking or the methodology by which these were determined as the government guidance states that they cannot discuss this with you.

### **What if I am disappointed with my grades?**

Given the unique way in which grades have been calculated it is possible that some students will be disappointed with their grades. If you are disappointed with your grades here are some things to think about:

#### **1. Find out if my place at university/apprenticeship/employment has been confirmed**

UCAS will update your application status after 8am on results day so hopefully you will have your offer confirmed as soon as possible. We expect universities to be more flexible than usual given the way in which grades have had to be determined this year. Our Student Services team will be available to give you support and advice in talking to universities, apprenticeship providers and employers.

#### **2. Consider a resit in the autumn term**

It has been announced that A Level exams have been scheduled to take place between 5<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The deadline to enter for these exams is 4<sup>th</sup> September. You should, therefore, contact the exams office as soon as possible to inform them of the subject(s) you wish to be entered for. We will keep you updated about these arrangements as soon as they are confirmed. Please note that if you are entered for an exam and do not then attend, you will be invoiced for the cost of the exam entry fees.

#### **3. Consider an additional year at College**

If you wish to explore the possibility of retaking the second year of study you should contact the Admissions office in the first instance to arrange a time to meet with your Head of Year on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please note that retaking the year can only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and we cannot confirm whether this will be possible until after this discussion has taken place.

### **Can I appeal my grades?**

Ofqual has stated that it is **not** permissible for students to challenge their Centre Assessment Grade or position in the rank order because they concluded that it would not be in the interests of students or the fairness of arrangements overall.

You can, however, make an appeal to the College if you believe that you have been subjected to bias, discrimination or any other factor which suggests that the College did not behave with care or integrity when determining the Centre Assessment Grade and/or rank order information. If you wish to appeal against examination results on the basis of **bias or discrimination**, the request should be made in writing within ten days and addressed to the Principal. The request must clearly outline the grounds for appeal. If you are under the age of 18 the request should come from your parent(s) or guardian(s). The appeal will be determined by the Principal whose decision will be final.

If there is evidence of **serious malpractice** on the part of Worcester Sixth Form College then you may bring this concern directly to the exam board in the first instance.

The College will submit an appeal if we believe that something systemic has gone wrong in relation to the results, we think there has been an error in submitting a Centre Assessment Grade or rank order information or we believe an exam board made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade.

Finally, may I wish you all the best for your results which I hope will reflect the hard work and dedication that you have put into your studies during your time at Worcester Sixth Form College.

Yours sincerely



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Principal