

13 August 2020

Dear Student,

We hope the results you have received will enable you to move onto the next stage of your education or to move into a career of your choice. We would like to congratulate you on the commitment which you have shown when studying for your qualifications.

Appeals

There has been a recent government announcement about using valid mock results. If you wish to appeal based on your 'valid mock' result then evidence will be required by examination boards. Appeals must come directly from your school for the summer 2020 qualification series. If you think you may have grounds for appeal you may wish to discuss this with a member of the Sixth Form Team, the Senior Leadership Team or the Exam Officer. **If you wish to apply for an initial appeal you should complete the Summer 2020 Exam Grade Query form and submit to the Exam Officer not later than 7 days after the publication of your results.**

Autumn Examination Series

Students who feel that the calculated grade in a particular subject does not accurately reflect the grade they would have achieved under normal examination conditions, may apply to sit examinations during the autumn examination series. There is a cost for resitting examinations which will need to be discussed with the Examinations Officer.

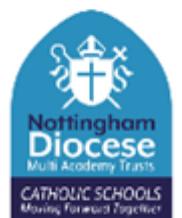
The examinations windows published by JCQ are:

- **GCE AS and A-level examinations start on Monday 5 October and finish on Friday 23 October.**
- **GCSE examinations start on Monday 2 November and finish on Monday 23 November.**

The school deadlines for entry are:

- **AS & A-level – 26 August**
- **GCSE – 14 September**

If you would like to take a qualification in the autumn series you will need to complete an **Autumn Exam Series entry form**. We suggest you discuss this with a member of the Sixth Form Team, the Senior Leadership Team or the Exam Officer.



Careers Advice

As you know we are here to support and help you with your next steps in your education or career. Below is some useful information to provide you with further support:

Ofqual (The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) have published a **useful guide for students** and their parents which brings together a wide range of key information about qualifications this summer and the way your outcomes have been calculated:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907493/Student_Guide_Summer_2020_6.8.2020_12.30.pdf. The guide includes links to the **support which is available nationally for students on page 17** including links to mental health support if you are feeling worried or anxious.

The **National Careers Service's Exam Results Helpline** is also available to help young people (and their parents or carers) that are receiving exam results in August. The helpline has professional careers advisors available to provide free, impartial advice and guidance on the different choices available which includes:

- Skills, qualifications and subject choices
- Re-sits
- Post-16 and Post-18 options, including gap years and re-sits
- Moving away from home
- Vocational learning routes including diplomas, apprenticeships, SVQs and NVQs
- Careers, employment and setting up in business

You can call the helpline on **0800 100 900** everyday between 08:00 - 10:00 from Wednesday 12th August until Friday 28th August. After the 28th August, you can access ongoing support from the National Careers Service by calling 0800 100 900, visiting nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us, or searching for the National Careers Service on social media.

Please do get in contact with us if you have any concerns at all about your qualifications and next steps.

Yours sincerely



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