



The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

An 11 – 18 Voluntary Academy in the Diocese of Hallam

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Dear Student

Year 13 Results day Thursday 13th August

As a result of the extraordinary events of this year, it will not be possible to hold a 'usual' exam results day for you in August. Instead, exam results will be e-mailed out by 9.00 am to you on the morning of Thursday 13th August. This is in line with what many, if not all, schools are doing nationally. For this reason, it is vital that you are able to access your school e-mail account. Please make it a priority to check this and contact school if you have any issue.

How have my grades been calculated?

In line with guidance from OFQUAL the exams regulator, our teachers have produced "centre assessed grades" based on all the work you have done in school. That includes classwork, homework, practice exams, controlled assessments and the portfolios that you have been completing. Your teachers will have considered the amount of effort you have put into classwork and also if you have attended revision sessions, lunchtime catch ups and everything else that you have done during your course. Teachers have also considered unusual circumstances- for example if you had an extended absence just before practice exams or if you were due to receive access arrangements in your exams.

Once your teachers decided on the grade that you would have most likely received had you sat the exam, this information was sent to the exam boards. Your teachers also had to put all the students on your courses in rank order and this information was given to exam boards too. The exam board's job was to ensure that the grades you receive are realistic and your teachers have not been too strict or too lenient in their grading. The exam boards will not change the rank order that your teachers put you in, but they might move the grades upwards, if your teachers have been too strict, or downwards if your teachers have been too lenient. They have done this so that your grades are just as accurate as last year's results and in the future, your grades are just as meaningful as they are for other year groups.

What if I have questions about my results?

Staff who can answer questions about exams will be in school on Thursday 13th between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm. This is addition to the Sixth Form Staff who will contact you early on the morning of the 13th if there are any issues regarding your future destinations. To avoid unnecessary delays and to maintain social distancing measures, you must telephone school and book an appointment prior to attending. You can of course choose to have a telephone conversation with a member of staff instead. If on exam results day you decide you need to talk to a member of staff, please call 01302 537396 where you will be able to request an appointment or hold an immediate conversation. We may need to call you back later if all staff are busy.

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

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It has been announced that it will be possible to re-sit any of your exams in October if you think your grades are below the grades you were expecting. We have worked hard to get these assessments right and we hope that re-sitting them will not be necessary. However, if you do need to re-sit an exam, you will need to pay the exam board fee for this.

When will I get my A level Certificate?

A level certificates normally arrive in school during November and we will try our best to hold an evening for you all to collect these. If you re-sit exams and are successful in improving your grades, replacement certificates will be issued by exam boards- they may charge for this.

In the meantime, we hope you have an enjoyable summer and that you are staying safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Headteacher