

Dear Year 11 Families,

I am writing to share with you our plans for GCSE Results Day and Sixth Form enrolment which will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Whilst we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate student success in person, we are conscious of the need to maintain social distancing and as such we are, unfortunately, unable to invite students and their families into school to collect GCSE results. This is in keeping with plans made by schools across the borough. We know that many students will be disappointed by this but, in September, we will be able to share plans for the rearranged prom and will take this opportunity to celebrate and formally say goodbye to Year 11.

On results day, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August, the GCSE results certificate will be emailed to students no earlier than 8am. In compliance with GDPR, this will be sent to students' school email addresses and, therefore, it is essential that they can recall their email login details. If they need a reminder of these details please email [help@raynespark.merton.sch.uk](mailto:help@raynespark.merton.sch.uk) in advance of results day to avoid any issues.

Students who are planning to progress to Raynes Park Sixth Form will be enrolled remotely and will be contacted by a member of the Sixth Form team on the morning of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August to confirm acceptance of their place and their subject choices. Should a student's grades not meet entry criteria for their chosen subjects, they will be contacted by Mrs Mc Inerney who will be able to advise on the most appropriate course of action.

Students who are not planning to progress on to Raynes Park Sixth Form will be able to take the electronic copy of their results to the Sixth Form or College that they have applied to in order to confirm their place for September. Support will be available for any student whose results do not allow them to progress to their chosen Sixth Form or College. This will be coordinated by Ms Liste who will be able to refer students to the person best placed to help them.

As you are aware from our previous communications, the Centre Assessed Grades were generated using all of the evidence available to subject teachers and have undergone internal moderation by Heads of Department and the Senior Leadership Team. Following this, our proposed results were submitted to the exam boards who, alongside Ofqual, have standardised these to ensure that grades awarded this year are consistent with those awarded to other cohorts in other years. This was considered the fairest approach but does also mean that the final grades students receive on results day will not necessarily be the same grades submitted by the school. Ofqual have produced a video explaining this process which you may find useful: [Grading in 2020 - Information for Students](#).

On results day, as is always the case in every school, some students may feel disappointed with their grades. Plans are in place for an Autumn exam series in November should students wish to sit examinations in some of their subjects to try to achieve a higher grade. We will provide more details of this once they have been confirmed. Should students wish to discuss their Centre Assessed Grades, they will be able to make an appointment to meet with Mrs Mc Inerney or Mr Hogarth.

I am already looking forward to seeing many of our Year 11 students on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September as they begin their Sixth Form journey with us with an extended, two day, induction.

I would like to take this opportunity wish you and your families a relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely,

*L. Lawner*

**Ms L Lawner**

**Head of Year 11**