



Thursday 22 July 2021

Dear Parents, Carers (and Year 13 students),

Results Day and Appeals Process

Following on from letters we published regarding Centre Based Assessment on the 7th May ([HERE](#)) and the 22nd June ([HERE](#)), I am writing to share more detailed plans for results days and the appeals process.

Results Day (Year 13) - Tuesday 10th August 2021

Results will be available to collect in school on the **10th August 2021 from 8.30am - 10am.**

Students should be dropped off in the main car park. We politely ask that parents remain in the car park. Staff will be on hand to direct students to the correct venue as follows:

- **Calcaria and Dawson - S1.** Enter via the back entrance to S1, opposite the main car park.
- **Fairfax and Oglethorpe - Hall 1.** Enter via the door opposite to Technology.
- **Toulston - Hall 2.** Enter via the alternative canteen entrance by the side of the stage.

Once students have collected their results, they will be able to use the front lawn to meet with their friends. We hope they will also find time to pop back to the car park to let parents know their outcomes!

Mrs Knapton (Director of Sixth Form) and Mrs Lawson (Careers Manager) will be available in S2 to offer next steps advice and guidance to students.

For students who are unable to attend school to collect their results in person, there are three options for receiving your results.

By email: The student should email Ms Langford-Smith (c.langford-smith@tgs.starmat.uk), using their school email address, to request this. Ms Langford-Smith will then arrange to get your results to you as soon as possible to your school email address.

Authorised persons collection: The student should email Mrs Langford-Smith (as above) to let her know you will not be collecting your results and to say who will be collecting them. The Authorised person must bring with them written permission to collect the results and photo ID. The form is found on the school website ([here](#)). The results can be collected from the Main hall between 1030 -1100 on results day.

Postal: The student should email Mrs Langford-Smith (as above) to let her know you will not be collecting your results and leave a stamped addressed envelope at the main office.

Appeals

The two letters referred to at the start of this letter ([May](#); [June](#)) provided details of the rigorous process we went through as a school, to ensure that grades awarded were fair and accurate, following the guidelines set out by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) and all our exam boards. The letters also provided further information about the appeals process.

As with any year, I am sure we will have many students who are delighted with their results and some who may feel less so. As a parent/carer you will want to do everything you can to support your son/daughter. The immediate reaction might be to say let's appeal against these results, but I would urge caution on a number of fronts.

1. The grades have been derived in a fair and accurate way. Your son/daughter may think they are unreasonable but **an exercise of judgement will not be unreasonable simply because a student considers that an alternative grade should have been awarded, even if the student puts forward supporting evidence.**
2. You may be providing false hope to your son/daughter and potentially delay the process of moving forward and thinking about next steps. We firmly believe that the grades awarded are accurate and will therefore provide the best information for determining most appropriate post-18 pathways.
3. You are advised to let your intended higher education provider know if you are appealing your grade, but the appeal itself may result in unavoidable delay. Universities have been asked to hold open places for students who are going through the appeal process, but this is only advice from the government, it is not obligatory for universities to follow this advice.
4. Unlike appeals in previous years, it is important to note that an **appeal may result in a grade being lowered, staying the same, or going up.** So if a student puts in an appeal and their grade is lowered, they will receive the lower mark.

Should you still wish to move down the appeals route, you will need to complete Stage 1 (Centre Review) - Section A of the Request Form for Centre Reviews and Appeals to Awarding Organisations linked [here](#). This form should then be emailed to the dedicated email address (appealsummer2021@tgs.starmat.uk).

Priority Appeals

A priority appeal is only for students applying to higher education who did not attain their firm choice (i.e. the offer they accepted as their first choice) and wish to appeal an A level or other Level 3 qualification result. You should inform your intended higher education provider that you have requested a centre review or appeal.

The deadline for priority appeals is 16th August 2021

Non-priority Appeals

All other appeals will be classed as non-priority, though we will deal with each one as soon as possible once they have been received

The deadline for non-priority appeals is 3rd September 2021.

Further guidance for students, parents and guardians can be found [here](#).

Autumn Series Resits

Further to the Department for Education's (DfE) announcement that there will be an opportunity for students to sit the full suite of GCSE and GCE A Level examinations in autumn 2021, in addition to the normal resit opportunities. If you wish to sit an examination please complete the entry form ([here](#)). The deadline for GCE entry applications is 1st September 2021. Entries will not be accepted after this date and please note that once entered, if you fail to attend the exam you will be charged the entry fee, unless you have contacted the exams office to request it be withdrawn by 7th September 2021.

In order to enter, you must either have had a Summer 2021 exam entry or be able to show that you would have the intention to sit the exam in Summer 2021.

We anticipate that results day will be emotional, as with any other year. Rest assured the staff of TGS will be there to support students in whatever way we can. We hope you enjoy the start to your holiday and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible when you collect your results.

Yours sincerely,

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