

YATELEY SCHOOL



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Dear Yateley School Student,

Firstly I hope that you are well and looking forward to new-beginnings in September 2020 after this very strange year? Although many if you were disappointed to have not had the opportunity to prove yourselves this GCSE exam series, we sincerely hope that you are awarded the grades that your efforts and ability deserve. I am writing to you today about the arrangements for GCSE results day on Thursday 20 August 2020 with some important information expressed as frequently asked questions. Please ensure you read this carefully as it means you will be well-prepared for the day!

Frequently Asked Questions:

What time can I collect my results?

The school will be open for results collection from **10.00am-12.00pm** on Thursday 20 August 2020 for students to collect their results.

Where do I go to collect my results?

Due to COVID-19 we have had to change the way students collect results to minimise contact between people and reduce time on site. One-way entry and exit points will be in place, with your results distributed at the specific locations shown below:

House	Entry Point	Results collected from:	Exit Point
Darwin	Main entrance of school (left hand queue)	Main Hall (front)	Via canteen > turn left and exit via car park
Nightingale	Main entrance of school (queue to the right)	Main Hall (back)	Via B1.2/B1.3 exit > turn left and exit via car park
Pankhurst	A-block gate (stay right) > PE corridor	Gymnasium (right side)	Back of gymnasium > A-block gate (right on exit)
Wilberforce	A-block gate (stay right) > PE corridor	Gymnasium (left side)	Back of gymnasium > A-block gate (right on exit)

We will have clear signage directing you and teaching staff will be available to support you on the day.



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Can my parents/friends come with me?

Regrettably, we are unable to allow parents, other family or friends on site; only the Year 11 student collecting GCSE results will be permitted beyond the school car park. We respectfully ask parents not to congregate outside of school either and always follow appropriate social distancing. We know that many students want to share their results day experiences with family/friends and you do not need to open your results envelopes in the school. Please do what is right for you!

What if I am not available on Thursday 20 August to collect my results?

If you are unavailable on results day then please either:

- a. If you are unable to attend for health or COVID related reasons, we would distribute results either electronically or in person via proxy, but only on receipt of a request made to results@yateley.hants.sch.uk sent from your school email address only. Any request like this would be checked and questioned for obvious security reasons and would need to be received by Wednesday 22nd July 2020.
- b. Request for a nominated named person to collect the results for you on the day. If choosing this option, please ensure that your nominated person brings with them identification and a signed letter from you giving them permission to collect on your behalf. Please also ensure that they are familiar with the collection arrangements detailed above.

Note: If no one collects the results (and you have not contacted us in relation to the options shown above) then your results will be posted to your home address. Results will be posted no later than 3pm on Thursday 20th August 2020.

When will I find out if I have a place at Yateley Sixth Form?

Collecting in person: Students who have applied to Yateley Sixth Form will receive a letter (with their results) informing them whether they have been allocated a place in Sixth Form.

Receiving by email: If you have chosen to receive results electronically, then you will receive the same Sixth Form letter (via email) to be sent shortly after your results.

Questions: If you have any questions/issues about your next steps from September 2020 you will be able to visit the Sixth Form Centre to meet with Mr Conway and discuss your options on Thursday 20 August 2020.

Is it too late to join Yateley Sixth Form?

No! There is limited availability on some of our courses. If you are considering joining us at this late stage we would urge you to email sixthform@yateley.hants.sch.uk as soon as possible to arrange an appointment. You do not have to wait until you have received your GCSE results to do this.

How will I find out if I have been successful in my application to a different further education provider?

All further education providers have their own systems for enrolment. We urge you to check with your chosen FE provider *before* results day in relation to their enrolment requirements.

Is the GCSE result I get going to be what you predicted?

We understand that some students may not get the results they wanted or feel they deserved, and it is helpful to remind you of the process which has taken place this summer. The grades that **we** submitted are our best assessment of what you would have achieved if you had taken exams from a wide-range of evidence.

Following **our** submission, **the exam boards** apply a 'standardisation model' to all grades submitted (across all schools). This model may alter the centre assessed grades we submitted, so that the distribution of grades awarded this year is consistent with those awarded in other years at a national level. As a result of this the grades that we submit can be moved up, moved down or stay the same. All of these changes are at the discretion of the exam boards.

If I am not happy, who can I appeal my results to?

Individual candidates are unable to appeal any of the results they are awarded this summer, as stated by Ofqual. For detailed information why there is no appeals process you can read the Ofqual guidance [here](#).

Can I sit GCSE Exams in the Autumn 2020 series?

There will be a full exam series for every subject taking place in Autumn-20. This is a full exam series whereby students could choose to sit their GCSEs (as they would have under normal circumstances in May/June-20). There is no change to the examination structure, for example if you had two GCSE Business Studies papers from the recently cancelled exam series, you would take two Business Studies papers in Autumn-20. Details of the dates and times of this exam series are not available at the time of writing but will be issued in the near future

Should I choose to sit some of my GCSEs in Autumn 2020?

We urge students to think about the big picture when it comes to their next steps if they are unhappy with their results. If you have successfully enrolled into your chosen Sixth Form/apprenticeship (and therefore started the next phase of your education) then you should reflect on whether taking a GCSE exam after six months away from school is right for you. By October 2020 you will be studying on your chosen A-Level/BTEC course and taking a GCSE exam would be coupled with the pressure of studying for GCSE examinations at the same time.

Where would I take the GCSE exams in Autumn 2020 if I decided to, and how much would it cost?

If students choose to sit the exams in Autumn 2020 they would be responsible for paying the entry fee for each qualification as specified by the exam boards. The following exam centre arrangements would apply:

- Students who achieved a grade 3 or lower in English Language or Maths and are enrolled at another FE provider (from September 2020) will sit their Autumn 2020 GCSE exams at their new place of study.
- All other students wishing to enter GCSE exams in Autumn 2020 must sit their GCSE exams at Yateley School, regardless of where they study from September 2020. Students will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements for examinations.

When would I get my Autumn 2020 results?

If you chose to sit GCSE exams in Autumn 2020 the results days are currently published as:

- Thursday 14 January 2021 for GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths
- Thursday 11 February 2021 for GCSE English Literature and all other GCSEs

What if my Autumn 2020 grade is lower than my Summer 2020 grade?

If you achieve a lower grade in the Autumn you will receive a certificate with your new, lower grade. Exam boards will have to issue replacement certificates for the **summer** result - "if students request this," meaning students can technically keep the summer grade if it is higher by applying directly to the exam board.

Can I appeal my Autumn 2020 exam result?

In the Autumn exam series exam boards is expected to have the usual arrangements for reviews of marking and appeals.

What other advice/support is available to me?

The National Careers Service has also set an exam results helpline during August 2020. Young people or their parents can contact the helpline on 0800 100 900 to speak to a professionally qualified careers adviser if they need advice on their next steps. The helpline will be open from 8am-10pm from Thursday 13 August until Friday 28 August. After these dates, young people will be able to access ongoing support from the National Careers Service at any time by calling 0800 100 900, visiting www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk or searching for the National Careers Service on Facebook and Twitter.

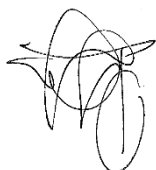
Final thoughts...

I know that many of you have been immensely disappointed not being able to sit your GCSE exams, and rightly so. Your GCSE exams are an important life-experience and we are saddened by the fact that you have missed out on it.

Despite this – whatever happens next – we will be here to support you. As teachers we know better than anyone that these results do not define you. The exam boards issuing your grades do not know you... but we do! We are immensely proud to have taught you over the years, to have watched you flourish into young adults with us and to see you confidently enter the next phase of your lives.

We will be here to help you on results day and beyond, but in the meantime do enjoy your summer (responsibly!) and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 20 August 2020.

Best wishes to you all,



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