

Kettlethorpe High School

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Dear Pupil and Parent/Carer,

The way that this year turned out has been hard to believe, and certainly was completely unexpected and unprecedented due to the impact of Covid-19. The exams that were so important and that you were working so hard towards were abruptly cancelled leaving, no doubt, an immense void that is perhaps only now being filled.

Whilst this year has been very challenging, it will still allow you to progress to college or training in a way that is very similar to previous years. The latest government announcements suggest that September may see a return of normality in schools and colleges, and hopefully that will remain the case.

You will know from the press that school has had to determine the likely results that you would have achieved in the summer. Your teachers have used the evidence available, such as PPE results, monthly tests and controlled assessments alongside their knowledge of the progress you were making in order to determine these grades. They were guided by the task of having results that were comparable, nationally, to last year. It has to be acknowledged that teachers have found this process demanding, knowing the hard work that you, and they, were putting in to achieve the best results possible.

The exam boards will also standardise our results to ensure they are comparable to the standards achieved in previous years. This is important as it means that your grades will be considered of equal worth alongside pupils who took exams in 2019 or 2021 when you apply for jobs or courses in the future. There is much more detail about the process that the school has been asked to carry out in the Ofqual document for pupils and parents on this web page, along with a letter to students:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>

Results day – Thursday 20 August 2020

Those of you with older siblings or friends in other year groups will know what normally happens on results day. Unfortunately, this year will be different, as you will probably expect by now. You will not be able to come to the school site to collect your results. Instead, you will receive your results using the Edulink app, clicking the Exams icon. These will be available from 8am on results day. A printed copy of your results will be put in the post on Thursday. If you need a copy of your results for college, you would have to share the Edulink screen and then forward a copy of the results statement when it arrives at your house.

To gain access to the Edulink app, use the same username and password as your VLE log-in. If you or your parents need more information about how to get on to the Edulink app, please see this VLE link:

https://vle.kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk/login/forgot_password.php

On results day you will be able to contact school, the careers service and colleges for further support and to discuss grades and courses. Their contact details will be shared with you a few days before results day. GCSE grades are a reflection of the progress that you have made throughout your five years at Kettlethorpe and not just on the day that examinations take place. This year is no exception. Your GCSE grades are important to help you access the next step in your education or training and we look forward to being able to celebrate your achievements in the Autumn term.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Hunter
Assistant Headteacher