



Key Information for New and Existing Sixth Form Students

Dear Students,

We fully understand that on top of the challenges we are all facing due to the coronavirus, you will all be experiencing additional anxiety because of the temporary changes to the exams systems this year. Rest assured, we are doing all we can to ensure the next steps in your educational journey are secure and that you can look forward with excitement. I hope that the following answers any questions you may have.

With best wishes,

Mrs S Hockley
Assistant Headteacher – Sixth Form

For Current Year 13 Students:

As you are aware, all A level exams have been cancelled. For full details please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

In short:

1. Your teachers will award you the A Level grades they believe you would have achieved had you sat your exams.
2. Schools will then rank all students within each grade.
3. The deadline for schools to do this will not be before 29 May and results are likely to be released in August.
4. It is important that schools do not share provisional grades nor rank orders with students or parents before the final results are released.
5. There is no need for you to do any further A level work now. Indeed, exam boards would query work completed after schools closed, especially where marks are significantly different from previous work. However, please keep checking your Universities' websites for details specific to them and start to do some prior reading and preparation where appropriate.



6. For those of you taking the STEP exams, STEP 1 will not go ahead meaning you may now be more reliant on your A Level grades to meet your University offers. STEP 2 and 3 will go ahead – further information will be issued soon. If you are looking for resources to help with your STEP 2/3 prep, this link may be of use:
7. <https://stepmaths.co.uk/current-step-courses-mat-courses/#step-online>
8. We know how disappointed you all are at not having the final traditional send-off...watch this space!
9. Please stay well, stay safe and keep checking your College email for any further news. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

For Current Year 12 Students:

1. Please continue to complete the Year 12 work your teachers have set for you but also have a good rest and relax over the Easter break. Your teachers will be setting you more work after Easter.
2. If you are taking the EPQ, Government guidelines issued late last week state that your projects need not be completed. Your EPQ teachers will be awarding you the grade they believe you would have achieved if you had completed and submitted your project. Please do not contact your teachers to ask about your grades – they are not permitted to discuss these with you. If you have any EPQ queries, please contact Mrs Hockley or Mrs Buckton.
3. Please stay well, stay safe and keep checking your College email for any further news. We look forward to seeing you all again soon and welcoming you back into the Sixth Form.

For Current Year 11 Students:

As you are all aware, all GCSE exams have been cancelled. For full details please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

In short:

1. You do not need to do any further work towards your GCSEs.
2. Your teachers will award you the GCSE grades they believe you would have achieved had you sat your exams.
3. Schools will then rank all students within each grade.
4. The deadline for schools to do this will not be before 29 May and results are likely to be released in August.



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5. It is important that schools do not share provisional grades nor rank orders with students or parents before the final results are released.
6. Once we receive your results, we will check you have met our minimum qualifying standards (please see our Course Booklet) and will confirm your offer of a Sixth Form place. We will then ask you to confirm your final three A Level choices and accept your place.
7. In the meantime, there are plenty of support materials and suggested reading in the coronavirus section of our website, so that you can start to prepare for your A Levels.
8. Please stay well, stay safe and keep checking your emails for any further communication from us. We look forward to seeing you all soon.