

Wilmslow High School

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Dear Year 11 students

This letter outlines the plans for GCSE results day on Thursday 12th August.

As you will already be very aware, this is an unusual year and therefore there are elements of GCSE results day that will need to be different as a result. Please be reassured however, that what remains unchanged is our pride in our 2021 Year 11 cohort. You have our warmest wishes. We therefore look forward to welcoming you into our Sixth Form, or following your endeavours and achievements as you embark on your futures beyond Wilmslow High School.

1. How will we be issuing GCSE results?

As usual, we will be issuing GCSE results electronically to students' **school email accounts**. This year schools have been instructed that they cannot release results before 8.30a.m. on Thursday 12th August so **we will release results at 8.30a.m.** Please can you make sure in advance that you are able to access this account.

2. Do I need to come onto site to collect my results?

As we will be sending results directly to you via email, there won't be a formal handing out of results on the school site. However, we will be available in person from 9.00a.m. to support Year 11 students requiring information, advice and guidance about post-16 options, or students with concerns about grades.

3. How would we like to mark the day with you?

We do wish to mark this occasion with you and will therefore be organising a Celebration Breakfast for Year 11 students from 10.00a.m. until 11.30a.m. in High Options. We recognise that at the end of term we were unable to hold a Prom or Leavers' Assemblies, so we would welcome the chance to celebrate with you.

4. What if I need information, advice and guidance about my next steps?

We will be offering our usual support service for any students who need information, advice or guidance about post-16 options. This will be available from 9.00a.m. on Thursday 12th August. Students who need information, advice and guidance should come to the school reception.

Please read Section A below for more information about advice and guidance.

5. What if I have concerns about my grades?

We will be offering appointments by phone or in person with a senior member of staff for any student who has concerns about their grades so that you can discuss this with us.

Concerns about grades should not be pursued with teachers and we have asked our staff to send a standard email to any queries related to grades.

Please read Section B below for more information about concerns about grades.

6. What action do I need to take when I have received my GCSE grades?

If you have applied for Wilmslow High School Sixth Form, you need to take the following actions **when you have received your GCSE grades:**

- You need to complete information on the Fire Fly link that will be sent out in our letter of Monday 9th August

Please read Section A below for more information about next steps

7. What if there is additional information from Examination Boards between now and GCSE results day?

There may well be additional information between now and results day **so we will issue an update of this letter to your school email account on Monday 9th August that contains any updates including the number to call if you have concerns about your grades.**

SECTION A

Wilmslow High School Sixth Form Applicants

A1. What happens if my grades are good enough to get me into Wilmslow High School Sixth form and my subject choices?

- If you have achieved five grades 4-9 (or equivalent), as a current student you will automatically be able to take up your place in the Sixth Form.
- If you have achieved the minimum grades required for your chosen subjects, you will automatically be placed in classes for these subjects.

A reminder of the minimum grades for each subject can be found at this link:

<https://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/smart-learning/key-stage-5-course-choices-copy>

A2. What happens if my grades are good enough to get me into Wilmslow High School Sixth Form but not good enough to meet the minimum entry requirements for my chosen courses?

- If you have not achieved the minimum grade required for one or more of your chosen courses, you will need to come into school on Friday 13st August between 9.00a.m. and 1.00p.m. to make an alternative course choice (subject to course availability.)

A3. What happens if my grades are good enough to get me into Wilmslow High School Sixth Form and I have met the minimum entry requirements for my courses, but I want to change a course?

- If you want to change a course you will need to come into school on Friday 13th August after 1.00p.m. to see if this change is possible. We prioritise the morning session is for students who have to change courses.
- Please do check that you have met the minimum grade requirements for any course that you would like to change to.

A reminder of the minimum grades for each subject can be found at this link:

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A4. What happens if I am not able to return to Wilmslow High School Sixth Form because I have not achieved five grades 4-9 (or equivalent)?

If you have not achieved the minimum entry requirement of five grades 4-9 (or equivalent) then unfortunately you will not be able to return to Wilmslow High School Sixth Form. We will be available from 9.00a.m. on Results Day to provide information, advice and guidance about alternative post-16 options if this would be helpful to you.

A5. What happens if I have a place at another educational provider?

Your post-16 educational provider will communicate with you regarding their procedures. You will need to provide them with evidence of your grades. If you are going elsewhere for September 2021, we will be in touch with you following GCSE results day to confirm your plans for the year ahead and to wish you well.

SECTION B

B1. How have grades been awarded this year?

All details on the grading process can be found at the link below:

<https://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/assessment-information/year-11-and-13-grading-information-for-2021>

B2. Can I appeal my grade?

Two types of appeal are permitted in 2021. Details can be found at the link below:

<https://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/assessment-information/year-11-and-13-grading-information-for-2021/appeals-process-2021>

B3. What if I want to re-sit an exam?

Students will be able to re-sit examinations in an Autumn series. The dates for this are as follows:

- **GCSE exams:** Monday 1st November to Monday 29th November.

Deadlines to request entry for a re-sit examination in the Autumn series are as follows.

- GCSE - Monday 4th October

These dates are the actual exam board deadline dates.

To ensure your entry request is received and processed in time it is advised that you submit your entry form to the Exams Office a few days earlier e.b. GCSE Friday 1st October.

What next?

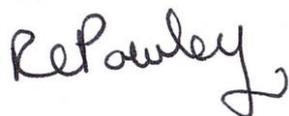
Should you have any further questions please contact:

Mr Williams, Director of 6th Form HWilliams@wilmslowhigh.com

Mr Jones, Senior Leader Examinations DJones@wilmslowhigh.com

We hope to celebrate with you on Thursday 12th August.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R E Powley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the word "Powley".

Ms R E Powley
Deputy Headteacher