



St Katherine's School



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Dear Year 13 Parents/Carers and Students,

Latest announcement regarding Year 13 A Level and Vocational Results

Many of you will have read about the last minute announcement by the government about changes to the process for determining results for Year 13 students tomorrow. Our priority remains on providing both students and their families with as much clarity as possible, always acting in the best interests of each student.

What we understand so far:

A 'triple lock' process will apply to A Level and GCSE results, using one of the following three means of determining their grade:

- The **calculated grade**, as issued by exam boards tomorrow (Thursday 13 August)
- The ability for students to appeal based on a **valid mock result** (no further information on the details of what constitutes a mock and how this could influence a grade are available at the moment)
- **Sitting exams** in the Autumn series

All outcomes will hold the same value for universities, colleges and employers. Similar arrangements will apply to vocational and technical qualifications.

Students who wish to appeal based on a 'valid mock result' will be able to do so by notifying their school, who will provide evidence of the mock results to the exam board.

Supporting progression to your future pathway

We understand the government has asked universities to hold places for students appealing their grades where possible, until they receive the outcome of any appeal. Exam boards have committed to resolve appeals for affected candidates by 7 September, which is the deadline for applicants to meet academic offer conditions. Universities will be able to accept a greater number of students on courses where the offer conditions are met following appeals.

We will continue to work with each student to provide any evidence that is necessary to support discussions with universities.

Results Day release

On Monday we shared some important information regarding the results process this year, most of which remains valid.

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We look forward to focusing on and celebrating our students' results tomorrow, which reflect the hard work and dedication over many years. On arrival in school students should follow the one way system to collect their results envelope and then make their way back outside. It is always a sad moment when we finally say goodbye to our students at the end of Year 13 for the last time, but our journey together, the achievements, along with the memories will remain with us.

Should you have any questions over the coming days please do not hesitate to ask so we can help add clarity and support your understanding of this year's results.

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