

July 2024

Dear Year 11 parents/carers and Year 11 students

Results Day Arrangements

GCSE results day is on Thursday, 22 August 2024. Results will be available for collection from 8.00 am – 10.30 am in the Exhibition Space.

If a student is unable to collect their results in person, they can complete and return the attached slip, indicating whether they would like their results emailed to them or that they will be sending a representative in to school to collect them. Any results that are emailed to candidates will be sent out after 11.00 am. If a representative is sent to collect results, they will need to bring photographic identification with them. **Results will not be given to representatives who arrive without ID.**

Results statements that are not collected on Thursday, 22 August 2024 will be mailed, by 2nd class post, to the address that we hold on our MIS system.

As well having our own staff on site to support and share in student's success, we will also have Lorna Mullins (Personal Careers Advisor) available to speak to students that may wish to reconsider their options. Lorna, along with Mr Lucas (Careers Lead), are also available between now and results day if anyone has anything they would like to discuss or needs any help with anything related to Post 16 education and future careers. Their contact details are as follows:

- Mr Lucas - lucasa@goldington.beds.sch.uk
- Lorna Mullins - MullinsL@goldington.beds.sch.uk

Post-results Arrangements

Results day is an intense day for candidates and their families. It can be useful to talk through the things that might happen before results day, and have a plan in mind for each case scenario. It is hard to make good decisions on an emotional day, but easier to consider things dispassionately beforehand. Consider how plans might need to change if results are much worse or much better than expected.

Obviously, we hope that our students will be happy with their results and that they will have achieved the grades they need to attend their preferred post-16 provider. However, if the result they achieve in any of their exams is less than they were expecting, there are a number of options available to them.

Firstly, we would recommend that students make contact with their post-16 provider and discuss the situation.

Secondly, students should contact Mrs Henderson (Exams Officer) about gaining permission for the school to access to their script(s). The papers will then be passed on to the appropriate Head of Department to review. This will then enable us to provide an informed decision about the best way to proceed.

One option that the Head of Department may recommend is to make use of one of the post results services offered by the awarding bodies. These services are often expensive (although they can also be free) and there are some complex considerations around which strategy to adopt. We strongly recommend that these options are discussed thoroughly before submitting a request, as they can result in grades going down, as well as up or staying the same. Post result services include:

- a marking review - It is not a re-marking of the candidate's script, just a review of the original marking to ensure that the agreed mark scheme has been applied correctly. In a review of marking, the grade can go down as well as up, so we advise that you only ask for a review if you are already close to the boundary of the grade above. In examinations involving several papers, you pay for each paper that is reviewed, and we advise getting one paper reviewed at a time. If you get two papers reviewed in the same subject at the same time, you may find that one mark goes up while another goes down, and you could end up no better off.
- a clerical check - This checks that all of the script has been marked, that the marks have been totalled and recorded correctly and that the thresholds and special considerations (where applicable) have been applied appropriately.

The appropriate documents will need to be completed to use these services. These will be available to candidates on results day.

Alternatively, you and your child may feel that the best option for them is to re-sit an exam in the autumn (English Language and mathematics only) or in next summer's exam series (all subjects). Further information about this option will be shared when it is available.

We will also be available to help. The school will be open on Thursday, 22 August until 3.30 pm and Friday, 23 August from 8.30 am until 3.30 pm should you have any queries about results or post results services. Please report to the main reception where a member of staff will be available to help you.

I hope that you find this information useful. If you have any queries which are not answered here or on our website, then please do not hesitate to contact our Exams Officer (Mrs Henderson) via email (examoffice@goldington.beds.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'S Thomas', with a stylized initial 'S'.

Miss S Thomas
Assistant Headteacher



Candidate permission form – results collection

Results day: **Thursday, 22 August 2024**

Uncollected results will be posted out at the end of results day by 2nd class mail to the address held on our MIS system¹. If you require your results by another method, please tick the relevant box and complete the required information.

Candidate name			
<input type="checkbox"/> Results should be sent to my email address _____@_____			
<input type="checkbox"/> I give permission for my representative _____ to collect results on my behalf. I confirm that my representative will provide photographic ID on collection.			
Candidate signature		Date	

¹ Any change of address should be notified through the official change in details process. Goldington Academy does not take any responsibility for results information sent out to addresses where this process has not been followed.

Completed forms should be returned to Mrs Henderson (Exams Officer) at examoffice@goldington.beds.sch.uk by
Wednesday, 17 July 2024.