

Re: GCSE and Vocational Grades Awarding Process, Summer 2020

14th April 2020

Dear Parent / Carer / Student,

The government has recently published further guidance on the process of awarding GCSE and vocational qualification grades for Year 11 students this summer. You can find a copy of this guidance on our website (www.jewelleryquarter.academy) and it can also be found at:

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

I would urge you to read the guidance extremely carefully, as it contains answers to many of the questions that you may have about this summer's results.

In light of this guidance, our advice to Year 11 students is as follows:

- You should continue to work diligently on your GCSE Maths and GCSE English Language skills, as these qualifications and skills are crucial to progression to Level 3 courses and higher level apprenticeships; it is likely that you may be assessed on these skills by your college or training provider and students who do not achieve a 'Good Pass' will be required to re-sit these qualifications.
- You should also continue to work on the subjects that you have applied to study at college; your Form Tutor, subject teachers and Miss Alderton can provide you with transition resources to help you with this, if you contact them and explain the courses that you hope to study.
- If you need any help or guidance regarding your career options and next steps from September, we are here to support you. Please complete the 'Career Fit' form, accessible via the Year 11 Core Connects page of our website:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ors2DDw07kKfFk8X_zexu5niJoWFwAJMke7-s4Tji7tUNTUxWkhaNzI3UUyYRIhVNDZFR1JIV1RKUS4u

Miss Alderton will be in contact to advise your further. If you have any concerns about your next steps from September, you can also speak to your Form Tutor or Head of Year when they call you

- Your teachers and the Academy are not allowed to disclose your results prior to them being formally issued, which we expect will be in July or early August (we will contact you with further details of this as soon as we have them). Therefore, please do not request this information as we are unable to provide it.
- The government have made it clear that you will be able to sit GCSE exams in autumn 2020 or summer 2021 if you wish to do so following the results that you achieve. If you do not achieve a 'Good Pass' in GCSE Mathematics and / or GCSE English Language, you will be required to take one or both qualifications by your post-16 provider. Colleges are very experienced and capable in supporting students through these vital qualifications if you need to re-take them.

We understand that this is a challenging time and we would like to reassure you that JQA remains ready and available to support each student and their families at this unprecedented time.

Teachers will be working hard to ensure that every student receives fair and accurate grades in the summer and Form Tutors and Head of Year, Mr Campbell, as well as our Wellbeing Team, are here to help with any pastoral, safeguarding or wellbeing concerns.

If you have any further questions about this or any other matter, please contact the Academy using the usual details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



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