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Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to write to you to tell you how your son/daughter will be able to collect their A Level and BTEC grades on Thursday 13th August.

As you know, when we went into lockdown, the government announced that no exams would take place this year. Instead, teachers were asked to provide a centre assessed grade based on what they thought would be the most likely outcome had your child taken the exam.

These grades were sent to the exam board to analyse. The exam boards and not the school then decide the final grade. This is called the Final Calculated Grade. It is these grades the students will receive on 13th August. An infographic below shows you the process by which grades have been awarded.

As a school we think it is important to celebrate our students' achievements. So just like every other year, we want to offer them the opportunity to come into school to collect their grades. In order to do this safely however, we must put certain protocols in place. They are as follows:

The guidelines

- **If anyone in your household has any Covid-19 symptoms, including students, they must not come to school to collect grades and government advice should be followed;**
- students should not arrive before 9am to collect their grades;
- students should avoid coming to school on public transport. Walking or cycling is a much better option;
- parents/carers will not be able to come into the school building even though we understand you want to be there to support your child. It is for safety reasons that students alone can enter the school building to collect their grades. We also ask that as parents and carers you do not congregate by the school gates;
- before entering the building, students must wash their hands at the cleaning stations provided. They must do the same before leaving;
- students must go to their designated area to collect their grades. These areas are outlined below;
- students must maintain a 2m distance from staff and other students at all times;
- once they have collected their grades, we ask that students move away from the area results are given out to allow other students to collect their grades safely. If students want to open their envelopes in school, we will move them outside of the building to the plaza.

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Where to collect grades

All students should come into school through the reception door. There will be a member of staff at the entrance and signs to tell students where they should go.

Year 12 students collecting BTEC results, should go straight to the sixth form steps where they will queue to receive their results. Year 12 students should leave school via the fire exit located in the west stairway by the lift.

Year 13 students will collect their results from a desk located in the hall, dance or drama studio. There will be 3 desks set up. If their surname begins with a letter between A – H they should wait behind the desk located closest to the dining room. If their surname begins with a letter between I – O they should wait behind the desk located in the middle. If their surname begins with a letter between P – Z they should wait behind the desk located closest to the school yard.

Students will be given their grades in an envelope by a member of staff. Again, to keep everyone safe, we have to organise this so we can still maintain a 2m distance. Therefore, students should wait behind a line for a member of staff to place the envelope on a desk. When it is safe to do so, the student can collect the envelope from the desk, avoiding contact with the staff.

As soon as students have picked up their envelope, they must make their way out of the building via the doors located by the school yard. Once outside in the plaza, they will be able to open their envelope. Students should then exit school via the main gates to the school yard.

We understand that these may appear to be extraordinary measures on what should be the most special day of the year, but our responsibility to students and staff is to keep them safe.

If students are unable to collect grades personally, we can e mail them out. Before we do, we must receive notification via the student's school e mail. Should you wish to receive grades in this way, please email exams2020@st-hildas.co.uk before 13th August. All e mails will be sent to the student's school email address.

On the day students collect their grades, they might feel that they need some help or advice. The College Team will be available on the day to talk to them. We can also answer any queries via an e mail in the first instance. If you have any questions or queries, please email exams2020@st-hildas.co.uk and it will be forwarded to the relevant person to reply to you.

The National Careers Service has also set up an exam results helpline during August 2020. Professionally qualified careers advisers are available to discuss next steps. Their helpline number is 0800 100 900. The helpline will be open from 8am to 10pm from Thursday 13th August to Friday 28th August. After these dates, you will be able to access ongoing support from the National Careers Service at any time by calling 0800 100 900, visiting nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us or searching the National Careers Service on Facebook and Twitter.

We will of course be there to celebrate their results with our students and answer any questions they have may have. Until then, may we wish you well over the summer and, as ever, should you need any more information, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,



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Please see infographic below.

Process for awarding GCSEs, AS and A levels summer 2020

Step 1 - School or college considers and submits centre assessment grade and rank order information

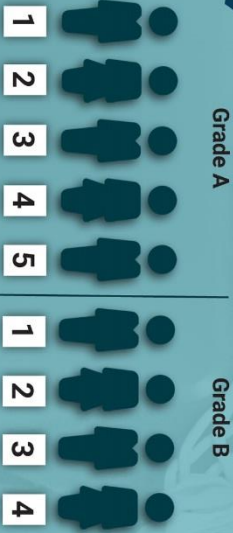
For each student for each subject

Centre assessment grade based on evidence of performance

For example
A level geography

- Any non-exam assessment work
- Classwork
- Homework
- Mock exams
- Other relevant evidence

Position in rank order of students on that grade



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Step 2 - Exam boards standardise grades using statistical model developed with Ofqual

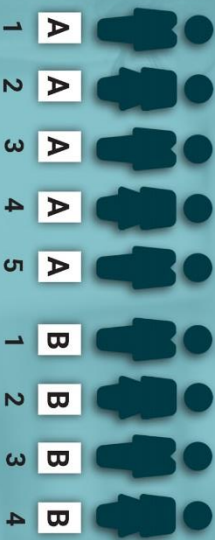
For each subject



Statistical standardisation

- What results might the school or college be most likely to achieve given the following?
- previous national results in the subject
 - the prior attainment of its students this year compared to previous years
 - the school or college results in recent years

Centre assessment grade



If grades are generous, adjust grades down

Calculated grade: A A B B B B B B

If grades are severe, adjust grades up

Calculated grade: A A A A A A B B B

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