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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

RE: Examination Results Days and Enquiries about Results

Results Days Arrangements

Now that the GCSE and L2 vocational examinations have been completed, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some key dates with regards to the examination results. The examination results are published on Thursday 20 August and will be emailed to students' school email address at 09:00 that morning. Please ensure that you are able to receive your school emails and contact the IT support team if you are having any problems with this before **Monday 13 July**.

Students are also invited to come into school to collect their results between 08:30 and 11:00 on Thursday 20 August. Staff will be available to discuss the results and give advice and guidance for the next steps. If you are wishing to join the sixth form in September you should come into school between 9am and 11am to speak to a member of staff about your options and bring in the transition work that you have completed since the open day. Please remember that to join our sixth form you will need to gain at least 5 grade 4s, or the equivalent as well as the individual entry requirements for each subject. If you have any questions regarding entry to the sixth form please contact Mr Hamilton at school.

If students are not able to collect the results themselves but would like someone else to collect them on their behalf, please inform the Examinations Officer at school letting us know who will be collecting the results. The named person will also need to bring with them a signed letter from the student giving permission for them to be given the results. If the school is not informed in advance, then unfortunately, we will not be able to give the results to anybody except the student themselves.

Enquiries About Results (EAR)

There is often a discussion around "re-marks" when students, or the school, feel that there may have been a mistake in either the marking or the grading of a particular subject for a particular student. Hopefully, this will not be the case and all students will be happy with their results. However if this does happen then then it may be possible to submit an "Enquiry About Results" known as an EAR.



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There is a clear procedure for this that is set out by the examination boards and very strict deadlines for making such an enquiry. In most cases these enquiries request either an “administrative check” to make sure that the marks have been recorded and added up correctly and/or a “review of marking.” A review of marking is NOT a remark of the paper. If this is requested then the affected paper(s) are looked at again by a senior examiner at the exam board who will determine if the mark-scheme has been applied correctly and that the mark awarded is deemed to be reasonable. This means that the paper is not actually remarked by the senior examiner, the original marking is checked to see if it is in line with the mark-scheme.

It is also important to note that if an EAR is requested then the marks, and as a result, grades can go down as well as up if the senior examiner feels that the original marker was too generous in their marking.

If, after receiving your results, you wish to consider an EAR then there are certain steps that have to be taken. It is essential that you contact the Examinations Officer and the Class Teacher/Subject Leader as soon as possible, ideally on results day. They will then be able to discuss the process with you and take the appropriate actions. There are very strict deadlines for the process which are given in the table below. In some subjects the first step will be to request access to see the script. This will allow staff to look at your paper and then help determine if they think an enquiry is likely to be successful, either as a clerical check or a review of marking. For all script access requests and EARs students will need to complete and sign a form confirming that they understand that the enquiry may result in the grade staying the same, increasing or decreasing as a result of the review and that this review grade is final. There is also an exam board fee, per paper reviewed, for each individual enquiry. If the enquiry results in a change to the awarded grade the fee is returned. The school's examinations appeal policy is also available on the school website.

Date	Event
20 August 2026	L2 Vocational / GCSE Results Published
27 August 2026	Deadline to request “Priority” Review of Marking (Pearson/Edexcel only)
24 September 2026	Deadline to request Review of Marking

Yours faithfully

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