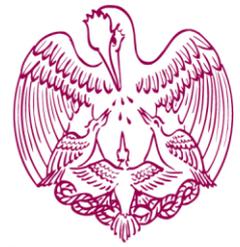


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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents and Year 11 pupils,

Year 11 Results Day – Thursday 12 August 2021

I trust that this letter finds you safe and well. Below and linked are details of our plans for results day this summer, along with information on the autumn exam series and the process for appeals.

Results Day

It is our intention to offer Year 11 pupils the choice of receiving their results electronically or of coming into school to collect them in person.

In-person collection

The college site will be open from 8.30 am to 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 12 August for Year 11 pupils only. This will be an opportunity to collect results in person; to celebrate with us and, where results are not as hoped for, to receive our guidance and support.

It is our intention to maintain a degree of social distancing for this event. Pupils are therefore asked to arrive on foot, using the main school drive to enter and the Marven Centre drive to exit. To reduce numbers, parents are asked to wait on New Road and as a further risk mitigation, weather permitting, results will be distributed outside on Fountain and Library Court. We will also continue the hierarchy of controls that we have used successfully with pupils throughout this academic year; directions of which will be made clear upon arrival.

Throughout the morning, specialist members of staff and representatives from post-16 providers within our Trust will be on hand to provide additional information, support and guidance. The email address exams2021@sawstonvc.org will be monitored during normal school hours, until Friday 20 August, to field questions and enquiries from parents and pupils.

Results slips not collected in person will be posted home on Thursday afternoon.

Electronic results service

We recognise that not all Year 11 pupils will be able to collect their results in person. We will therefore email out results shortly after 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 12 August. These emails will be sent to pupils' Year 11 SVC accounts. The college's guidance and support services will remain accessible via the exams2021@sawstonvc.org email.



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Contacting post-16 centres and accepting offers

Once pupils know their results, they will need to formally accept their first choice post-16 offer. The document [HERE](#) explains this process for each different post-16 centre.

Autumn exam series & appeals

We sincerely hope that all pupils achieve the grades that they are aiming for and that they require to secure a place at their post-16 provider of choice. If for any reason this proves not to be the case, we would strongly encourage parents and pupils to engage with the support and guidance that we are able to offer. In the first instance this may well involve conversations with us and local post-16 providers to explore the options still available. For example, it is not impossible for candidates, who fall short of the required grades, to still secure a place on their preferred or similar courses.

Beyond this, there are two further avenues to be aware of.

1. Autumn exam series

Where candidates feel that the grades they have achieved do not reflect their ability, there will be an opportunity to sit the exams that they missed in the autumn term. Candidates who choose to do this will then be able to choose the higher of their summer and autumn grades for future progression.

These exams are provisionally scheduled to run from 1 November to 3 December with a deadline for entries of 4 October. If you think that this is something that you would be interested in, please contact our exams officer, Anne Martin - amartin@sawstonvc.org, no later than Monday 27 September 2021.

2. Appeals

Where candidates are disappointed with their grades this summer, we would encourage them to consider the autumn exam series outlined above. The process undertaken to determine grades was rigorous, robust and has been quality assured both internally and by the awarding organisations (exam boards). We have subsequently undertaken a full review of our data and processes to check for errors and anomalies. If a candidate feels that an error has been made and that one of their grades is incorrect however, they do have a right to appeal. Details of this process, including the grounds and timeline for appeals can be found [HERE](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact the college, if you have any questions or queries and we will look forward to seeing many of you in school on 12 August.

Yours sincerely

Pieter Wallace
Deputy Principal