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Dear Students (Parents / Carers),

Important information on GCSE, A-level and Vocational Results 2021

I would like to confirm next steps for Year 11 and 13 students, as well as those certificating in Year 12.

Internal Assessments

Firstly, I would like to congratulate you all on how maturely you have approached the second period of Internal Assessments. You have worked hard to prepare and we are so pleased with how you have conducted yourselves throughout. Again, I would like to extend my thanks to all the staff and parents / carers who have been supporting students to prepare so well.

Year 11 Bridging Opportunities

Due to the adjustments to the awarding of grades this year, Year 11 students are finishing school a few weeks earlier than they would have done in previous years. As such, and in line with expectations of the Department for Education, we are making available a series of opportunities for you to pursue in the coming weeks and before your inductions commence at Sandringham's Sixth Form or at College later in July. These opportunities will be posted on the Year 11 Google Classroom and are comprised of a range of valuable activities including the National Citizenship Service (recently shared by Mr Davis), World Class Schools competitions, careers opportunities as well as a wide range of subject specific activities. You are also free to organise your own work experience independently as this was an opportunity that you missed out on last summer. We are confident that you will find something of interest amongst the array of opportunities suggested. These activities are separate to the compulsory Summer Work which will be set at the Sandringham Induction event in July.

Year 11, 12 and 13 results arrangements

As you know, awarded grades this year will be generated through Teacher Assessed Grades; a rigorous process which is subject to Quality Assurance processes both internally at Sandringham and by exam boards. We hope you will be pleased with your final outcomes and that they allow you to progress to the next phase of your education. We have communicated about the process previously but should you wish to be reminded of any information or resources, they are all located on a dedicated page on our school website here: <https://sandringham.herts.sch.uk/teacher-assessed-grades-2021/>



The dates that the results will be published this year are as follows:

A-level and Level 3 Vocational Results: Tuesday 10th August 2021

Results for Year 13 students will be available for collection from 8.30am in the Sports Hall.

Results for Year 12 students will be available for collection from 9.30am in the Sports Hall

Results collection will close at 11.00am, any results not collected by this time will be posted home.

GCSE and Level 1 / 2 Vocational Results: Thursday 12th August 2021

Results for Year 11 students will be available for collection from 9.00am in the Sports Hall.

Results for Year 10/9 students will be available for collection from 10.00am in the Sports Hall.

Results collection will close at 11.00am, any results not collected by this time will be posted home.

If you are unavailable to collect your results personally on results day, they can be collected by a third party. In this instance, you must e-mail Ms Headland (Exams Officer) from your Sandstorm email account to give authority to a named third party, by **Friday 16th July**. It is essential that the e-mail comes from the Sandstorm account to allow us to verify your identity. The named third party must bring photo ID and a copy of the letter to results day, where they will be asked to sign for your results.

Please note we cannot give you results over the telephone or by e-mail, the exception being if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or you have someone in your household who does. If this is the case, send an email by 8.00am on the morning to examqueries@mysandstorm.org explaining the situation and requesting that your results be emailed to you. The email must come from your mysandstorm address (Year 11) or a personal email (Year 13). The results will be emailed after 11.00am. Any results which remain uncollected at 11.00am, will be sent by first class post to the home address which we hold on file.

Post-results advice and appeals

We hope you will be pleased with your awarded grades and that these allow you entrance either to Sixth Form, College, University or your Apprenticeship. By the time they are published in August, they will have been subject to rigorous internal and external quality assurance processes by the exam boards to ensure that grades are fair and consistent and have been objectively reached.

On results days, the Sixth Form team will be available to speak to you to offer advice and further guidance. It is particularly important that Year 11 into Year 12 students needing advice about admissions to the Sixth Form speak to staff on the results day (12th August). These advice surgeries will take place in the Sixth Form Centre however,

individual subject staff will not be able to answer queries about individual grades received. We will hold post examination results surgeries as shown below:

A-level and Level 3 Vocational on Wednesday 11th August: Mrs Mouncey, Miss Potter, Mrs Cavanagh and Dr Creaby will be in the Sixth Form Centre from 9.00am-midday.

GCSE and Level 1 / 2 Vocational on Friday 13th August: Mrs Mouncey and Dr Creaby will be in the Sixth Form Centre from 9.00am-10.00am to address final queries about options and Ms Headland will be in the Exams Office from 10.00am-midday.

As set out by JCQ and Ofqual, the need for appeals should be limited, however, it is in place as a safety net in case there are errors. You can read more about this process in both the JCQ and Ofqual guide on our dedicated webpage linked above, but it is important that you are aware that the grounds for appeal are limited. We are obliged to inform you that grades can go down as well as up through an appeal. Should you think you would like to make an appeal, you should read the information provided within your results envelope and email examqueries@mysandstorm.org at your earliest convenience but no later than **Monday 16th August**. Priority will be given to students for whom university or apprenticeship places depend. Appeals for GCSE or Level 1 / 2 Vocational results may not be processed until September.

Entry to the Sandringham Sixth Form

If you have applied to join our Sixth Form as part of the BeauSandVer Trust, you must complete a course confirmation form to confirm that you have met the entry criteria to join our Sixth Form and study your course choices. This will be included in your GCSE results envelope and will need to be submitted to a box in main reception at school by **9.00am on Friday 13th August**.

Year 12 enrolment: Thursday 2nd September at 8.30am

Year 13 enrolment: Thursday 2nd September at 1.45pm

Sixth Form (including BeauSandVer) lessons begin on Friday 3rd September

May I remind prospective Year 12 students that they should have completed their summer work (set during induction) and should hand this in at their first lesson.

We look forward to celebrating your results with you this summer.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Gray
Headteacher