



# Pershore High School

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for all in a  
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Dear Students and Parents

I hope you are all well and enjoying the summer weather safely. For those of you in Years 10 and 12 we are sorry that term had to end so abruptly due to the increasing number of COVID cases in school; it is certainly not the way we hoped that term would end. I am writing to confirm arrangements for the collection of your exam results in August.

### **Receiving your exam results:**

Your results will be available for collection according to the timetable below. Despite the COVID restrictions being lifted on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, we still need to ensure that we take precautions to keep everyone safe.

**Students, along with parents/carers, are invited to attend, but no one must come to school if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19.**

In order to facilitate an appropriate event, your results will be distributed outside, in the area behind the Sixth Form Centre. Please maintain social distance from each other and staff members at all times when on the school site. As we are weather dependent, we shall be erecting a number of gazebos; please come to school 'weather-prepared'!

Results will be issued at the following times:

### **Year 13**

Tuesday, 10 July from 8:30 am -12:30pm

### **Year 12**

Tuesday, 10 July from 11:00am -12:30pm

### **Year 11**

Thursday, 12 July from 8:30 am -12:30pm

### **Year 10**

Thursday, 12 July from 11:00 am -12:30pm

After these times results envelopes can be collected from School Reception. **Year 11 and 13 students please do not leave before confirming your future plans: University place, Apprenticeship, Sixth Form place or alternative destination for further study or employment with Sixth Form staff.**

If you know that you are unable to attend to collect your results in person please email [exams@persshore.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:exams@persshore.worcs.sch.uk) and we will arrange to email your results to your school email address as soon as possible on your results day. **Year 11 and 13 students, once you have received your results please confirm your future plans by emailing [exams@persshore.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:exams@persshore.worcs.sch.uk).**

We hope to be able to answer most questions during the period of results collection. Should you wish to organise a meeting after you have collected your results, please phone/email the Sixth Form Centre (01386 552471 Ext 220/221 or [SixthFormCentre@persshore.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:SixthFormCentre@persshore.worcs.sch.uk)) and report to Reception on arrival. Colleagues will be available in school until 4 pm on results days and then from 9 am to 3 pm on Friday, 13 July for face-to-face meetings, by appointment only. Mrs Beeton, Head of Careers, will also be available by Teams appointments from 1:30 on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July please email her using [sab@persshore.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:sab@persshore.worcs.sch.uk) should you wish to make an appointment, she is also happy to provide advice via email.

### **Summer 2021 Centre Review and Appeals Process**

Should you be unhappy with your results you have a number of options available:

- Arrange to sit the exam in the autumn 2021 exam series
- Apply for a Centre Review
- Appeal your grade with the relevant exam board (you can only do this if you have already applied for a Centre Review and remain unhappy with the outcome of this)

Should you choose to apply for a Centre Review/Appeal you should be aware of the following possible outcomes:

- Your original grade is lowered, so your final grade will be lower than the original grade you received.
- Your original grade is confirmed, so there is no change to your grade
- Your original grade is raised, so your final grade will be higher than the original grade you received

Once a finding has been made you cannot withdraw your request for a centre review or appeal. If your grade has been lowered you will not be able to revert back to the original grade you received on results day.

There is no charge for any stage of the appeals procedure this summer.

### **What will be checked during a centre review?**

You can ask the school to check whether we have made a procedural error, an administrative error, or both. A procedural error means a failure to follow the process set out in the centre policy. An administrative error means an error in recording your grade or submitting your grade to the awarding organisation. You must request a centre review before you can request an awarding organisation appeal. This is so the awarding organisation is certain that your grade is as the centre intended.

### **What will be checked during an awarding organisation appeal?**

You can ask the awarding organisation to check whether the school made a procedural or administrative error - or whether the awarding organisation itself made an administrative error. You can also ask the awarding organisation to check whether the academic judgement of the centre was unreasonable, either in the selection of evidence or the determination of your grade.

Where an appeal is made on the grounds of an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement (either in the choice of evidence from which to determine the grade and/ or the determination of that grade from the evidence), the awarding organisation will take into account Ofqual's guidance which sets out that the starting point is the Teacher Assessed Grade itself and not any alternative grade put forward as part of the appeal. Therefore, the focus of any appeal will be on whether the Teacher Assessed Grade was unreasonable and not that any other grade or mark would have been reasonable.

As the Teacher Assessed Grade is holistic in nature, the awarding organisation's independent reviewer will take a similarly holistic approach to their decision-making. The purpose of the independent review is not to review the marking of individual assessments.

The independent reviewer will consider whether the original Teacher Assessed Grade decision was reasonable. The independent reviewer will not consider whether they would have given an alternative grade or whether an alternative grade could also reasonably have been given.

The independent reviewer will consider whether the original Teacher Assessed Grade decision was reasonable on its own terms, not if any alternative proposition for the Teacher Assessed Grade or evidence put forward by the student, would be a more appropriate exercise of academic judgement. There may be a difference of opinion as to the assessed grade without there being an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement. The reviewer will only conclude that there has been an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement if the Teacher Assessed Grade was clearly wrong – i.e. there was no basis upon which the grade could properly have been given.

**Students in Year 13 applying to university only:**

You may apply for a Centre review by 16<sup>th</sup> August and a Priority Appeal by 23<sup>rd</sup> August if you have not been accepted by your firm choice higher education provider because one or more of your grades is lower than they require. You should inform them that you have applied for a priority appeal however, they are under no obligation to hold a place for you pending the outcome of the appeal process. Please note that you must have requested and had returned a Centre Review before you are able to apply for a Priority Appeal.

**Students in other year groups and those in Year 13 not rejected from their firm university offer:**

You are not permitted to apply for a priority appeal but can request a Centre Review followed by an Appeal to the exam board, if appropriate, and your deadline for requesting a Centre Review is 3<sup>rd</sup> September and a subsequent appeal to the exam board is 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**Applying for a Centre Review and subsequent appeal to the awarding organisation:**

You must submit a JCQ Appeals Application Form (PHS) by the deadlines above to [appeals21@pershore.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:appeals21@pershore.worcs.sch.uk). Priority Appeals will be processed during the school holiday, other appeals will be processed in September. You can access the application form here: [Examinations and Revision | Pershore High School](#)

In order to support your application for a Centre Review or Appeal you can request the evidence that was used to award your grade. Please do this using our [appeals21@pershore.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:appeals21@pershore.worcs.sch.uk) email address.

We hope that you will be pleased with your exam results and look forward to seeing you for results days in August.

Best wishes



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