

7th August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Results Day Information - Updated

I hope that you are all enjoying a pleasant summer period.

You will recall that I wrote to you at the end of term outlining the arrangements for the release of GCSE results on 20th August. Several parents contacted us to ask whether we could review the arrangements as some students are, understandably, very keen to collect results in person. I have committed to keeping the arrangements under review as the situation develops and am writing to update you.

To be clear, our decision not to invite students into college was a reluctant one, based on the need to avoid creating or encouraging large social gatherings (both in college and the wider community), and the restrictions that are in place in educational settings. We are also committed to making personal contact with every student on the day results are released to provide personal advice and guidance around next steps. We wish we could operate the day as 'normal', but to do so would be irresponsible.

Further guidance around the management of results days was issued by the Department for Education on 27th July, and you will be aware that the Covid-19 infection rate is once again rising in parts of the country. We need to remain vigilant and ensure the safety of students, staff and the wider community.

We have decided to offer small groups of students the opportunity to collect results in person on the 20th August on a staggered appointment basis. Any student who wants to come into college to collect results may do so with up to four others (groups of no more than five people) and should book a time when they will be able to collect their results. Time slots will be a least ten minutes apart and we ask students to spend no more than ten minutes in the building. Slots are available between 8am and 2pm. When in the building, 2m social distancing will need to be observed and, on this occasion, we ask that masks are worn. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to enter the college, but will be free to wait outside or in the car park.

Next steps

- Students who wish to come in and collect their results in person must complete the application using the following booking system: <https://www.picktime.com/elycollege>
- Any student booking a place, must do so by 3pm on 19th August. If they book a time to come into college in person, they will not receive an email of their results at 8am on 20th August.
- Students not booking into college will have their results emailed to their college email address at 8am on Thursday 20th August 2020. Please note that it may take a little time for the emails to arrive, depending upon the speed of systems that morning. In advance of this date, please can you ensure that your child can still access their school email address. If not, please contact: itservicedesk@cmatrust.net for help to reset passwords.

- Please be on time. Should you miss your allocated slot or be late, you may not be admitted, and your results will be emailed at the end of the day.

Please note that there will be a staff presence in college, but this will be minimal as most staff will be engaged in telephone consultations with students through the day. Should large gatherings outside or around the college develop, we will need to revert to the original plan and only offer results over email.

Staff in college will be contacting all Year 11 families and students by telephone during Thursday 20th August and Friday 21st August to congratulate them on their results and offer any support or guidance that may be required with the process of accepting offers. If you need urgent advice, please ring through to reception and leave a message and we will do all we can to respond as soon as possible. The team at Bishop Laney Sixth Form will be available through the day to answer questions.

With regards to all post-16 applications, please remember that your child should only accept one offer at one post-16 centre. All application details are on the [‘My Choice @16 website’](#) and we can help with any forgotten usernames or password reset issues.

Mrs Mustill will continue to access her emails throughout the summer holiday period and so please feel free to email with any questions about Year 11 matters - rmustill@elycollege.co.uk

I know the thought of not being able to come into college was difficult for some of you, and that this is an anxious time. I hope these arrangements will allow those who would value it an experience much closer to the one you’d imagined. However you choose to collect your results, we are proud of you all and here to help and support on 20th August.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Spencer
Principal



Mrs R Mustill
Year 11 Achievement Lead