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Dear parents / carers,

Congratulations to all students on completing their examinations. It is a long haul and we are proud of the way that they conducted themselves throughout. We hope that they are enjoying a well-deserved break from academic study.

I am writing with information about this year's Results' Day and post-results services. A copy of the letter will be available on the school website under Examinations Information.

Year 11 Exam Results' Day: Thursday 25th August

We would encourage students to collect their results in person. It is a chance for them to celebrate the outcome of their hard work with the staff who have supported them throughout Key Stage 4, in addition to the celebrations we hope that they will have with friends and family. However, we understand that this may not be possible for everyone.

Therefore, the plans are as follows:

8 – 10.30 am:	students may come to collect their results in person
10 am:	results will be emailed to all students via their school email address
9 am – 5 pm:	students returning to GMS for sixth form will have a 15-minute enrolment appointment. Most appointments will be on Results' Day but some may be on Friday 26 th August.

Entrance to the site will be from Bobmore Lane.

Receiving results by email

- Students must check that they can successfully log in to their school email well before Results' Day. If there is a problem, they should contact ithelpdesk@gms.bucks.sch.uk. If this is not sorted in advance, it could delay receipt of results for students not collecting them in person.
- Students must forward emailed results to a personal email address as soon as they receive them. All school email addresses will be disabled on 31st August 2022 for students leaving the school.

Enrolment appointments

- *If your son / daughter has formally applied for GMS Sixth Form, they should already have been emailed a 15-minute appointment date / time. Most appointments will be between 9 am and 5 pm on either 25th or 26th August.*
- *If your son / daughter has not formally applied for GMS Sixth Form but now wish to do so, they should speak to a member of the sixth form team either before the end of term or on Results' Day to arrange an enrolment appointment. The appointment will probably be on Friday 26th August.*
- Students must ensure that they have their results before attending an enrolment appointment. Therefore, if they are electing to receive their results solely by email and have been given an appointment time earlier than 10.30 am, they need to request a change to the time by emailing enrolment@gms.bucks.sch.uk.
- All enrolment appointments will be in the Sixth Form Centre.

We very much hope and believe that most students will be pleased with their results. In the unlikely event that they wish to have one or more component(s) of a subject investigated, the following **Post-Results Services** are available.

A: Access to Scripts (ATS)

Students may request access to an examination script before deciding whether to request a review of marking. It is important to note that the script may not always be back from an examination board before the deadline date for requesting a Review of Results Service.

Deadline for requests: **midday on Thursday 1st September**

B: Reviews of Results Services (RoRs)

Students must be clear that their component mark, and therefore subject grade, **could go down** as well as up, if either of the following RoR services is requested.

Service 1: Clerical re-check

Deadline for requests: **midday on Wednesday 21st September**

This checks: * all parts of a script were marked
 * marks were totalled correctly
 * marks were recorded correctly

It is the only service that can be requested for multiple-choice examinations.

The awarding body must respond within 10 calendar days.

Service 2: Review of marking

Deadline for requests: **midday on Wednesday 21st September**

This checks the mark scheme has been applied correctly. It does *not* re-mark the script. It looks for:

- * administrative errors (as per service 1 above)
- * a failure to apply the mark scheme where a task has a 'right' or 'wrong' answer
- * an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement – the mark given is one that 'no reasonable examiner could properly have awarded'.

The awarding body must respond within 15 calendar days for the priority service (A Levels only) and within 20 calendar days otherwise.

Post-Results Services can only be requested from awarding bodies by Mrs Chrominski, our Examinations Officer. If your son / daughter would like to request one of the services outlined above, they must ensure that the relevant fee is paid and a completed and signed 'Review of Results (RoR) Form' is returned to Mrs Chrominski on exams@gms.bucks.sch.uk by the relevant deadline above. **Forms received after these deadlines will not be processed.** The forms and fee lists can be found on the website under Examinations Information – Post-Results Services.

More detailed information can be found in the JCQ document [Post-Results Services](#).

C: Appeals

Again, students must be clear that their component mark and, therefore, subject grade **could go down** as well as up, following an appeal.

What does a candidate have the right to appeal?

1. A GMS decision not to support / submit a request for a Post-Results Service, a Preliminary Appeal or an Appeal Hearing.
2. The outcome of a Post-Results Service.
3. A finding of malpractice and / or the sanction imposed by an awarding body.
4. An awarding body decision about access arrangements, reasonable adjustments and / or special consideration.
5. An awarding body administrative decision, such as that related to the very late arrival of a candidate to an exam.

In addition, a candidate can ask GMS to consider requesting a review of external moderation on behalf of a whole subject cohort. A review of moderation cannot be undertaken on the work of an individual candidate.

Full information about appeals, **including deadlines by which one must be requested**, are set out in the [GMS Post-Results Services and Appeals Policy](#). Appeals can only be sent to awarding bodies by Mr Ford, our Head of Centre. If your son / daughter would like to request an appeal, they must ensure that the relevant fee is paid and a completed and signed 'Appeal Request Form' is returned to exams@gms.bucks.sch.uk by the relevant deadline set out in the policy. **Forms received after the deadlines published in the policy will not be processed.**

Awarding bodies charge a fee for each Post-Results Service and Appeal stage. The list of fees, and instructions on how to set up WisePay to pay them, can be found on the website for reference. **Fees must be paid to the centre in full before any request will be submitted by GMS to an awarding body.** Fees will be refunded if an error is found to have been made or an appeal is upheld.

Autumn Resits

As was usual pre-COVID, English language and mathematics will be available to resit in the November 2022 exam series. Students must email Mrs Chrominski on exams@gms.bucks.sch.uk if they wish to be entered for either / both.

Deadline for requests: **midday on Friday 30th September**

Please be aware that some of our deadlines will not match those published in JCQ or exam board guidance. This is because we need to build in time for us to action any requests we receive.

I appreciate that there is much to digest here. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Chrominski, our Examinations Officer, on exams@gms.bucks.sch.uk, if you have any questions relating to the information in the letter.

Furthermore, if any student would like advice about, or support with, their next steps, Mr Pendlebury will be happy to help. He can be contacted at the following times:

- in person in school, or by email (gpendlebury@gms.bucks.sch.uk), before the end of term and on 25th / 26th August

For now, we look forward to seeing as many students as possible in August and hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer in the meantime.

Kind regards,

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