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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 13 Exam Results' Day: Thursday 18th 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 their sixth form studies, in addition to the celebrations 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
8 am – 3 pm:	Sixth Form Team available for advice

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.

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) 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. **However, students thinking of having a Priority Service 2: Review of marking (A Levels only), must refer to the awarding body's website to understand the implications of requesting a copy of the script.**

Deadline for requests: **midday on Wednesday 24th August**

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

Priority Deadline for requests: **midday on Wednesday 24th August (A Levels only)**

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 fee lists and forms 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 about how to set up WisePay to pay them, are on the website for reference. **These 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.

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 Hollyman and the Sixth Form Team will be happy to help. Mr Hollyman can be contacted at the following times:

- in person in school before the end of term and on 18th / 25th / 26th August
- by email (ohollyman@gms.bucks.sch.uk) on the dates above and also on 17th & 19th August.

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

Kind regards,

Louise Fletcher
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