



7 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: GCSE, BTEC and A-Level Results**

Results days will be as follows:

A-level and BTECs (Level 3)	Thursday 13 August 2020
GCSE and BTECs (Tech Awards)	Thursday 20 August 2020

I am sure you will be aware that due to the current restrictions we will not be open to students and parents on these days for general results collection and will be distributing results electronically via Insight. Students and parents may wish to download and use the Insight app (find instructions [here](#)).

Please ensure that you are able to log into Insight prior to results day. If you are unable to, please use the "Don't know your password" link on the webpage. Results will be available from **8am** on the official results day.

**CAGs**

All students this year will receive a calculated grade from the examinations board. The first stage of this process was the school providing a CAG (Centre Assessed Grade). The exam boards are currently completing the second stage (a statistical standardisation) which may result in changes to our original grades. Please note we cannot disclose any CAGs to students or parents as this would result in a breach of the JCQ regulations.

Please be assured the formulation of the CAGs was a result of multiple quality assurance steps that were rigorous, objective, and fair. These steps involved subject staff, heads of faculty, and the senior leadership team.

**Appeals**

Students and parents will not be able to appeal grades this summer. If you are unhappy with any grades awarded, your child will need to enter the autumn exam series where they will have an opportunity to improve their grade.

**Autumn Exam Series**

Ofqual have confirmed that all students will have the opportunity to sit examinations in the autumn term if they are unhappy with their results. Currently the periods are October for A-levels and November for GCSEs. Those sitting A-levels will receive their results before Christmas and GCSE candidates will receive their results in February. The autumn exam series will not have coursework or practical requirements, therefore written papers will make up 100% of the grade. Students may keep their highest grade (either the summer result or the autumn result). Forms to enter for the autumn series will be available on the school website from results day. Please note, there may be a tight deadline for entries.

**Support and Guidance**

Students will have access to high quality advice and guidance should they require it on the day. This will be available remotely where at all possible.

*Be The Best You Can Be*

### **A-Level and BTEC Level 3**

The sixth form team will be on hand to support students following the release of their results. Students will be able to log onto Track if they have applied through UCAS to see whether it has been updated and confirms whether they have been accepted to their Firm or Insurance choice, or whether they have been released into Clearing. If students have general questions about their university or apprenticeship placements, they can email [sixthform@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@st-martins.essex.sch.uk) and one of the team will get back to you. Students requiring support through Clearing can email [sixthform@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@st-martins.essex.sch.uk) stating 'Clearing Support' in the subject bar. We will then call you directly and offer guidance in any way we are able. The sixth form office will be available on results day between 7:30am and 3:30pm.

### **GCSE and BTEC (Tech awards)**

Students that have applied to St Martin's Sixth Form will receive an email between 8:30am and 9:00am on the morning of results day with one of three outcomes based on their results:

- An offer to the sixth form based on the subjects they have applied for
- An opportunity for a phone call home to discuss options available to them if their results did not meet all of the entry requirements for their chosen subjects
- No offer due to not meeting the requirements to gain a place.

If a student is offered a phone call home to discuss their results, all phone calls will be made on Thursday 20 August; there is no need to make contact with the sixth form team before we call you.

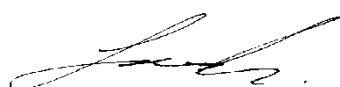
If you do not gain a place in the sixth form or have applied elsewhere and require support on results day please contact Mrs Blake on 01277 238346. Mrs Blake will allocate you an appointment for either a remote video call or a face-to-face meeting that morning or early afternoon with Mrs Whyley, the school careers advisor and or Mr Smith, Director of Key Stage. The choice of either a video call or a face-to-face meeting is the choice of the students and parents and carers. Please do not arrive at school without a pre-booked meeting; students will only be seen if they have booked a time through Mrs Blake that morning.

In the few weeks after results day, Mr Smith will also be contactable via email on [ssmith1@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ssmith1@st-martins.essex.sch.uk) should students require any support. Similarly, if students would like guidance throughout the summer holidays prior to results day, they should contact Mr Smith who will be checking emails throughout the holidays and will typically respond within two working days.

### **Key Contacts**

GCSE (Advice and Guidance)	Mr S Smith	<a href="mailto:ssmith1@st-martins.essex.sch.uk">ssmith1@st-martins.essex.sch.uk</a>
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Yours sincerely



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