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6th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I understand how unsettling the past few months have been for you and your child, since the announcement that exams were cancelled this summer. I wanted to let you know what we have done to provide your child with their grades, which they will receive on August 12th. Our over-riding aim in this was to be fair to students this summer and to make sure they were not disadvantaged in post-16 progress to sixth form, college, apprenticeships or employment because of these unprecedented conditions. I wanted to inform you of the process that we, as an academy undertook, to ensure the grades we submitted to the exam boards were a fair reflection of your child's ability and potential.

We used lots of information that we have in school, to determine what grade we would submit for students. These included such things as the November forecast grade, results from the November PPE examination series, results from the Year 11 Assessments held in March, any externally assessed components already completed by students, as well as some in-class subject assessments completed during lessons. Initially we asked the subject teachers to enter a grade that they felt the student would achieve in their subject, based on the range of evidence they had access to. Numerous discussions subsequently took place over these gradings and senior leaders have worked in conjunction with the Heads of Departments, to ensure that the grades awarded are as accurate and as fair as possible. We were also asked by Ofqual/DFE to create a folder of evidence for each student in Year 11, for each subject that they take. These folders were moderated internally to ensure the grade given was an accurate one, evidence was also submitted to the exam boards upon request.

We have also looked at the academy's previous results over 3 years, both whole-school and subject specific, as we know that past performance will be considered by Ofqual with exam boards, to ensure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged.

Please be reassured that the grades students' receive this summer will look exactly the same as in previous years, and they will have equal status with colleges, to help your child move forward in their lives as planned.

We are not able to discuss these grades with students or parents until results are released in August. Schools and academies have been expressly forbidden to do so by the DFE. If students require any forecast grades for college applications now, these will be provided, but will be those issued in the November forecast. Year 11 results can be collected from school on Thursday 12th August from 9.30am. We will be issuing their results in the Sports Hall and access will be from Thomas Street. We will be operating a one-way system and pupils will leave via the Sutton Street exit.

If you are unable to collect your results in person, you may nominate someone to collect them on your behalf. You should email jmeeley@astonmanoracademy.com before **Friday 16th July 2021**.

Please see overleaf for the schedule of appointment times for students.





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Arrangements for 12th August

9:30am	11BS, 11IA
9:50am	11JG, 11LL
10:10am	11MW, 11RG
10:30am	11RM, 11SAA, 11SH

Our Careers Adviser, Ms Danda will be available to speak to students about their results as well as other post 16 providers who offer alternative courses. If students have conditional offers from Aston Manor Academy, and have achieved the required grades, they will also be able to enrol for the sixth form in the Sports Hall. Our senior leadership team will be available for students and parents to talk to on the day. The school will also be open on Friday 21st August for any parent/students that want to make an appointment to discuss results further.

We are currently intending to implement social distancing, and must remind you that if students or anyone in their household is showing symptoms of COVID-19, they must stay at home and self-isolate. Please let us know if you cannot attend to collect results, due to this reason.

We hope you will agree that the academy has followed rigorous procedures in order to provide students with fair and equitable grades. However, in the event that you think an error has been made in deciding your child's grade, details of the appeals process can be found on the JCQ website. Further guidance, the deadlines for appeals and the student request form can also be found on [exams page of the school website](#).

I would like to thank you for all the support you have provided for your child, both over the turbulent year we have all experienced, and over the last five years during their time at Aston Manor. It has been an especially difficult time of course for students, the uncertainty over exam grades and the premature end to the school year must have been extremely unsettling. Events such as the 'Year 11 Leaving Assembly' and 'Year 11 Prom' have obviously not happened this year and for many students these are extremely important milestones in their young lives. We will endeavour to try and mark the end of their current journey as best as we can, and hopefully, social distancing dependant, arrange something in the autumn term where we can celebrate together.

We remain of course available to support students as best as we can during this time.

As school closes for the summer break, may I take this opportunity to once again thank you for support and I hope you and your families stay safe and enjoy the summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Forbes

Deputy Headteacher KS4

