

26 July 2021



**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

Dear Student,

### **A Level Results Day**

Due to the continued challenges of managing Covid-19 and keeping everyone safe, we will be following a slightly different routine for A Level Results Day this year.

All Year 13 students will receive their results on Tuesday 10 August at the exact same time. However, you will also be able to collect your results from the Sixth Form if you wish to do so. This will allow those staff present on the day to offer their congratulations and provide any support and guidance for the next stage of your career.

To provide this opportunity we will still need to follow strict guidelines, the key areas being:

- If you have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in your household who does, please do not attend school.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times and do not gather at school entrances or doors.

All students will receive their A Level / BTEC results via email at 8.30 am. In order for us to comply with GDPR, the results will need to be sent to your school email address. If your parents wish to receive a copy of your results, then **you** need to inform the school that you give your permission for this to happen. You can do this by emailing [exams@holderness.academy](mailto:exams@holderness.academy) from your school email account with the following statement:

*"I give my permission for my parent [insert name] to also receive the email containing my examination results. Please can you send that email to [insert parent email address]"*

For any student coming in to the Sixth Form to collect their results, your parent will need to book a time slot through the following link <https://holdernessacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/> which will be live from Monday 26 July.

This does mean that time slots are limited to 10-minute blocks to support social distancing and prevent overcrowding. You can collect your results from the Sixth Form Study Area by following the one-way-system from the entrance. Staff will be on hand to guide you round and answer any questions you may have.

Please note that parents are welcome to accompany you to the site, but we do ask that only you enter the building to prevent any mixing and aid social distancing measures.

### **Appeals**

If you would like to appeal your grade, you can do so only on one of these four grounds:

1. You think we have made an **administrative error**: an example of this would be us sending the wrong grade to the awarding body.
2. You think we have made a **procedural error**: this means we haven't properly followed our own process, as approved by the exam board.
3. You think the **academic judgement on the selection of evidence was unreasonable**: you think the evidence used to grade you was not reasonable.
4. You think the **academic judgement on the grade you were given was unreasonable**.

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The appeals process is carried out in two stages; a **centre review** where Holderness Academy will check whether a procedural or an administrative error has been made, then an **awarding organisation appeal** where the exam board will check if any errors (as above) have been made, or whether Holderness Academy has been 'unreasonable' in the determination of your grade.

There is a separate document attached, explaining how you would go about submitting an appeal and giving more details on this process. You can also speak to Mrs Mulkern on results day or email our exams officer Mrs Bell at [exams@holderness.academy](mailto:exams@holderness.academy).

It is important to be aware that appealing your result will have one of three outcomes; the **final grade goes up, the final grade stays the same, or the final grade goes down**. Whichever the outcome, students will only be able to keep the updated result.

### **Priority appeals**

Priority appeals are **only open to A level students starting university this autumn**, who have missed out on the conditions of their firm or insurance offer. If you decide not to confirm a firm conditional offer and to go through clearing instead, the Joint Council for Qualifications cannot offer you a priority appeal.

Priority appeals will be handled more quickly than other appeals, where possible before UCAS's advisory deadline of 8 September.

The deadline for requesting a **priority appeal is 16 August** (students cannot appeal before results day on 10 August). If students wish to progress this to an **awarding organisation appeal**, they must send the completed form to us by **23 August for priority appeals**.

The deadline for submitting **non-priority centre review is 3 September**; and the deadline for submitting an awarding **organisation appeal is 10 September**. If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### **UCAS support**

Where there are any UCAS concerns or queries, staff will try to address these in the time slot that you have. We would advise that you remind yourself of your UCAS login details and if more support or time is needed the opportunity of another appointment can be offered and scheduled. We will make sure that you have all our support in getting to where you want to be – even if the situation is slightly different to previous results days. Rest assured our goal is to support you in moving forward and keep you safe!

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

**The Sixth Form Team**

