



Ark John Keats Academy

19th August 2020

Dear Year 11 Pupils and Parents,

I hope you have all had a restful summer. There have been huge amounts of media attention around formal exam results and the recent changes to awarding of qualifications this year. I know many of our Year 11 pupils have watched on concerned around these changes and are anxious about GCSE results day on Thursday 20th. Amidst all the controversy it's important we focus on celebrating our pupils' successes on Thursday and ensuring that every child has a confirmed place for September 2020. This letter lays out the process for pupils receiving their results, enrolling in Sixth Form at AJK, understanding the wider exam process and being clear what pupils' options are for appealing their grades if they need to. The school will support every pupil on the day understand and celebrate their results and plan for their next steps in September. Please also see this message to all our Year 11 pupils from the Director of Education at Ark [here](#).

What grades will pupils receive?

Pupils will receive either their **Centre Assessed Grade (CAG)** or **calculated grade**, whichever is higher. Centre Assessed Grades were generated by the school using a rigorous process to review these grades and the final decision was based on a wide range of data including mock exams, pupil progress since these mock exams, all other KS4 assessments, any NEAs (coursework) completed by pupils and work in class and at home. The professional judgements made by teachers were checked by a rigorous quality assurance process in school to make sure grades and rankings were awarded consistently and fairly to all pupils. The process involved teachers, Heads of Department, SLT, the Head of Secondary and the Executive Principal.

Calculated grades were generated by Ofqual, the qualifications regulator. It reviewed the grades submitted by every school and moderating them based on how AJK had previously performed, how your child performed at KS2 and how nationally pupils usually perform at this subject.

Pupils will get the highest of these two grades. Whatever grades awarded are the pupils' final results and will be the only results that will appear on pupil certificates.

How will pupils get their results on GCSE Results Day?

The school has planned results day carefully to observe social distancing guidelines to keep your child safe. Each child has an allocated time to attend to collect their results. Alternatively, some pupils have chosen to receive their results remotely. These will be emailed to them at 9am. If your child or anyone in your household displays COVID symptoms, they should not come into school and instead contact the school to have their results emailed. For safety reasons, parents will not be permitted on site and pupils must arrive at their allocated time.

The school is looking forward to celebrating the fantastic achievements of all our Year 11 pupils. Your child has worked hard over five years for these grades and every child will have something to be proud of within their results. We will also be available to support all pupils understand their grades and make informed decisions about their next steps. We will work with every pupil to ensure they have a confirmed place at AJK or another post-16 provider.

How will my child enrol for Sixth Form at AJK?

Ms Nohavicka and the Sixth Form team will be there on the 20th August to support you with enrolling for your Sixth Form place here. To be really clear we have laid out all the possible outcomes that could happen with your place at AJK next year so you can feel confident about your next steps.

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Possible scenario	Action
You get the grades you need to join the Sixth Form and do the subject(s) of your choice.	You are accepted into the AJK Sixth Form and will sign up for your subjects after receiving your results.
You achieve the grades needed to join the Sixth Form but not to study the course/courses you originally wanted.	You are accepted into the AJK Sixth Form and we will help you select another course or subject to match your grades. If you wish to study your initial subject choice you will need to attend another Sixth Form/college with lower entry grades for that subject. We will support you in this.
You do not get the grades to enter our Sixth Form.	You cannot attend the AJK Sixth Form. We will support you in contacting other colleges and Sixth Forms to confirm a place and course for you.

Appeals

Ofqual have confirmed that there will be no appeals for these exam grades. If pupils are unhappy with their results, they can resit their examinations in November. We strongly recommend that pupils only consider re-sits if the grades they have received have not been sufficient to move onto their intended destination, be that sixth form, college, or an apprenticeship.

To support pupils with this process we will discuss any request for a re-sit with the pupil and their parents. If pupils wish to resit an examination they should email ajkexams@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org with the exam they would like to resit. A meeting will then be booked in before the deadline of Friday 18th September. The exams are likely to run from Monday 2nd November to 23rd November. In order to facilitate exam entries we must receive all requests for re-sit exams by **Friday 28th August**.

Yours sincerely,

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