

July 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

**Results day reminder and info on possible appeals.**

**Sixth Form enrolment will take place on GCSE Results Day, 12 August and Thursday 26th August 9 am - 1pm**

Following on from our email about Sixth form enrolment sent earlier this term, please remember that the entry requirements to The Norwood School Sixth Form are [published here on the website](#). Please ensure you are familiar with these before enrolment day.

Your enrolment will be based on the actual results that you are awarded by the exam board on results day, so please have these ready with you when you enrol. For your information, the grades that you receive from the exam board are based on rigorous assessments by your teachers and have been subjected to internal quality assurance processes by the school and external quality assurance processes by the exam board. This means that we are confident that the grades are accurate and reflect the sound judgement based on the evidence from your assessments.

In normal exam years, students can appeal their GCSE grades and this is still the case this year. However, there are important differences for you to be aware of. If a student wishes to appeal, the first step is to tell the school. The school will check that it has not made an administrative error in inputting the wrong grade into the system. Such errors should be obvious and will be corrected easily. If the student still believes that their grade is incorrect, then the school has to send the evidence for that student to the exam board. The exam board will then consider the evidence and decide on the grade which matches the evidence. **It is important for students to note that at this stage, their grades can go up or down. The grades that the exam board decides on will be the final grade and these cannot be changed later. So, please think carefully before requesting this stage.**

We should also inform you that exam boards have stated that they will prioritise appeals for year 13 students going to higher education, which means that the results of appeals for year 11 students might take some time. Please note that the exam boards have a window of 42 calendar days to process appeals. However, we are advised that it may not always be possible to meet this target due to the nature of appeals this year.

We firmly believe that your GCSE results, validated by your teachers and school leaders, will be the best source of evidence of your ability and suitability for courses to the Sixth Form team. **Dr O'Brien Coker will be onsite on results day and the following day and will be the single contact for anyone wishing to make an appeal.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. In the meantime, please continue to enjoy your summer.

Kind regards

Mr Cox