



12th August 2021

Dear Student

Please find enclosed / attached your Statement of Results for the 2021 Summer Examinations.

These are your final grades as awarded by the relevant exam board. The grades are based on the Teacher Assessed Grades submitted by the school in June. These grades had already been through the internal quality assurance processes as outlined in our Centre Policy, and have now also been through the external quality assurance processes carried out by the exam boards. As a result, we are confident that the grades are fair and accurate.

Appeals

We hope that you are happy with your results, but as is usual on these occasions there will be disappointment for some of you too. If you are disappointed with your results and feel that they are not accurate then you may consider submitting an appeal. If you are considering this you should first read our [appeals policy](#) which is based on JCQ guidance. This policy has already been sent out to you and is available on the school website. The appeals process is very different to that in a normal year, and it is important that any decision to appeal is carefully considered, and so we will not be processing appeals on results days themselves. If you do decide to appeal you should use the appeals application form, included with this letter, and also available on the school website.

The appeals process is in two parts this year, stage 1 being an administrative check carried out by the school, and stage 2 being an appeal about the process and resulting grade which is carried out by the exam board. Stage 1 must be concluded before stage 2 can begin. There is no financial cost for submitting an appeal this year. Appeals should be submitted to examenquiries@gshs.org.uk

We must stress the following in relation to appeals;

- We cannot enter into discussions with students or parents about the grades awarded.
- Students and parents should not make direct contact with teachers about the grades they have been awarded, and teachers have been asked not to reply to such enquiries.
- The school cannot review its own evidence, marking or grading during the appeals process. We can only carry out administrative checks, and pass on Stage 2 appeals to the exam boards.
- If you do decide to appeal, you must realise that your grade can go down, stay the same, or go up as a result. If the grade were to go down, the new lower grade would stand.

Advice and Support

If you are picking up your results in school today, we have staff available to offer you advice and support. These include our own NE12 Sixth Form staff team as well as external services such as Connexions. IT facilities are available in C15 if you need them for UCAS purposes. If you are receiving your results electronically and not coming into school you can contact us on resultsadvice@gshs.org.uk

Our Connexions advisors, Jill and Emma, will also be available for follow up support in the days and weeks following results days.

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Alternatively, you can also contact the National Careers Service careers advisors on 0800 100 900.

A destinations survey has been emailed to your school email address this morning. **Please could you ensure you complete the survey** so that we are aware of your chosen destination and can support you with any decisions or questions you may have about your next steps.

Information about Sixth Form for Year 11 Students

If you have indicated that you intend on enrolling into our Sixth Form and have chosen your A-Level subjects, please assume that you have been enrolled onto your chosen courses if you have met the subject entry requirements. If you would like to discuss changing your chosen course or would like to enquire about a place in Sixth Form, please provide details of this on the destination survey and we will contact you to confirm that this is possible.

If you have not met the entry requirements for your chosen course, a member of the Sixth Form team will be in touch with you today to discuss your options.

There will be a Year 12 Induction on **Thursday 2nd September at 1:15pm**. Students should register in G8 after having their LFD test (see Mr Wilkinson's letter for further information).

Autumn Exams

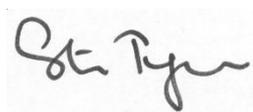
OFQUAL have confirmed that there will be a full series of GCSE and A-Level exams available in the Autumn Term to students who are unhappy with their teacher assessed grade.

If you like to be entered for these exams at George Stephenson please let us know on examenquiries@gshs.org.uk. The deadlines for entries are Friday 3rd September for A-Levels, and Friday October 1st for GCSEs.

And Finally

We know that things have been very different this year and that recent weeks and months have thrown up unprecedented challenges. Students and staff have risen to these challenges in an amazingly positive way and we would like to thank them for their efforts in producing these results. We would also like to thank parents for the support you have provided to our young people too. There will no doubt be some lurid press headlines about the results nationally this year but you need to see past these and should know that the results you have achieved have been through a rigorous national process and will have equal status to those achieved in any other year. We are genuinely very proud of you and we wish you the very best with your future plans. To those of you who are staying with us next year we look forward to seeing you in September. If you are moving on to new things or going to college or university we wish you all the best with that. We would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable second half to the summer.

Yours sincerely



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Assistant Headteacher



Mr I Wilkinson
Headteacher