EDUCATION AUTHORITY - SOUTHERN REGION



City of Armagh High School

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14th August

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable summer break. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the world we live in and as we approach results day our thoughts are with all our students. This letter is intended to outline the logistics for the distribution of results to students on Thursday 20th August 2020. We will be open to students from 9am to 10.30am for collection of results from the assembly hall and to support and advise students. After 10.30am results may be collected from reception which has been relocated to the library foyer. Students should report to the outside window of reception.

In order to maintain the safety of all members of the community please note the following:

- Only the student and one parent / carer should attend the school site for collection of results;
- Car parking will be available in the upper car park nearest the entrance gates;
- Entry will be via the assembly hall foyer for students only;
- Students must adhere to social distancing at all times (staff will be available to support students in social distancing);
- A register of students who have attended will be retained;
- There will be hand sanitiser stations available on entry to the foyer which must be used by all students before entering the building;
- Parents are welcome to remain outside in the upper paved area, adhering to social distancing at all times;
- On departure students should exit via the assembly hall side exit door; and
- Senior members of staff will be located in the assembly hall should students have any queries or concerns.

Important Safety Notice

Please be aware that students and parents/carers must not come to school if they or any member of their households are displaying any of the following symptoms:

• **New/continuous cough** – This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episode in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

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- Fever (high temperature) This means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- **Anosmia** The loss or a change in your normal sense of smell (it can also affect your sense of taste).

You should get tested in the first three days of coronavirus symptoms appearing, although testing is considered effective up until day five.

Testing for all symptomatic individuals in Northern Ireland can be booked at <u>www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test</u>

If you have recently returned from travel abroad

Please note that there are rules for entering or returning to the UK. The regulations mean that you must self-isolate for 14 days if you return to Northern Ireland from a country outside the Common Travel Area (CTA) unless you are travelling from, or transiting through, a low to medium risk country that is exempt. Further information and a list of exempted countries and territories is available <u>here</u>

If, for safety or travel reasons as explained above, or should you prefer to have your results posted for any other reason, **please send a stamped addressed envelope for the attention of the Exams Officer, Mrs C Reid to the school.** Please note that upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope results will be posted on or after 20th August as per JCQ regulations.

In order to offer ongoing support and ensure parents and students are fully informed in advance of receipt of results we have established a '**GCSE exams area**' on our website which can be viewed <u>here</u>. We recommend that you check this area regularly for information, advice and guidance. We are receiving updated and new guidance on a daily basis and we will endeavour to share all information with you in a timely fashion. Please note that we are in the process of reviewing our internal appeals process and this will be posted in advance of the results day. All students should read this carefully in advance of results day.

On behalf of all staff at City of Armagh High School I would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to all our students for results day and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 20 August.

Yours sincerely,

C Douglas

Principal

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