**Truro School GCSE and iGCSE Results Day 12 August 2021**

**Potentially asked Questions and Answers**

**Results and Sixth Form Study**

**Q: What happens if I have met the results required to study my chosen sixth form subjects?**

A: Congratulations! The hard work paid off. It’s time to celebrate with your friends and family. We will continue to contact you about beginning of term arrangements. If you are joining another tertiary college/institution you will normally be required to prove your GCSE results. Your result slip is normally all that is required.

**Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING CHANGES TO MY SUBJECT CHOICES?**

A: If you are studying in our Sixth Form, talk to the departmental staff on results day about your thoughts. Also to talk to the Head of Lower Sixth, Mrs Jupp ([lrj@truroschool.com](mailto:lrj@truroschool.com) ) . We will need to ascertain whether there are spaces on alternatives and although we cannot promise a change at this stage we can often accommodate them. For any changes to be approved your parents will need to have spoken to Mrs Jupp or Mr Vanstone.

If you are studying elsewhere in September, you should contact them to ascertain what is possible.

**Q: WHAT IF I INTENDED TO STUDY ELSEWHERE AND MY PLANS HAVE CHANGED I WOULD LIKE TO STAY AT TRURO SCHOOL?**

A: We warmly welcome discussions from students changing their plans. First talk to the Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Jupp, to check that spaces are available on your course and then contact the relevant Heads of Department, the staff in the Sixth Form Centre today can help or e-mail Mrs Jupp on lrj@truroschool.com. You should have 6 passes at grade 5 and above with a grade 6 or above in the subjects you wish to study or a grade 7 above in mathematics and science. If you have just missed that threshold still talk to us as there are possible alternative routes.

**Q: WHAT IF I HAVE NOT MET THE REQUIREMENTS TO STUDY A PARTICULAR A LEVEL OR LEVEL 3 COURSE?**

A: It is important for you to remain positive, even if you are disappointed. There are still plenty of options if you have missed the grades for your subject choices and there is no need to panic. If you are studying elsewhere contact the education provider who will be able to talk you through the options and say whether there is any flexibility. If you are studying with us we will talk to you about your options regarding whether you can still pursue the A Levels you intended or explore your options around a change of course. Our Sixth Form team Mrs Jupp ([lrj@truroschool.com](mailto:lrj@truroschool.com)) and Mrs Kenward ([nk@truroschool.com](mailto:nk@truroschool.com)), who will be present on results day, will be able to talk to any students and give advice guidance about possible alternatives.

**Q: CAN I RE-TAKE MY EXAM?**

A: If you would like the opportunity to improve upon a grade you might consider retaking some of your exams Talk this over with the Head of Departments, Head of Sixth Form and your parents. You will need to consider whether this is right for you and take into account studying for the re-takes whilst commencing new courses would be very demanding. If you did not achieve a grade 4 or above in Mathematics or English, you are required to re-sit those exams. Talk to us or your destination institution about that.

This year, all students are being given the opportunity to re-take their GCSEs if they’re are not happy with their teacher-led grade. GCSE exams will take place in Autumn term 2021 and you can take examinations in just one subject if you would like, however all papers have to be taken. If you decide to do a re-take please contact our Exams Officer, Niky Riley on [mnr@truroschool.com](mailto:mnr@truroschool.com) by our Centre deadline for entry at which is **Friday 3rd September.**

**Q: How was my grade arrived at?**

A: Your grades were determined by a number of different assessments including coursework, classroom assessments taken during your course and the three phases of assessments that took place in the Spring. This differed for different subjects taking into account assessment objectives covered, relative demand and also the level of control under which the you were assessed during the course. If you have any further questions about the grades and the evidence please do contact the Heads of Department on results day or e-mail [resultsenquiries@truroschool.com](mailto:resultsenquiries@truroschool.com) and we will get back to you as quickly as we can.

**Q: What if I think there has been an error in my results?**

A: Heads of Department or nominated Subject Teachers will be available to give relevant information further to that already shared about candidate grades and how they were decided and we recommend you talk to them in the first instance. The school has followed the policy, outlined and shared last term, and approved by the JCQ. We are confident that the grades arrived at are a reflection of the evidence generated by candidates across the phases of assessment undertaken and set out in our policy. The school has also submitted samples to the exam boards as part of the quality assurance checks. If after talking to the teachers you still believe there is an error please e-mail [resultsenquiries@truroschool.com](mailto:resultsenquiries@truroschool.com) and follow the appeals procedure outline in the letter in your results envelope/e-mail.

**Q: Can I appeal my grades?**

A: The grounds of appeal have been set out by Ofqual in this document: Pupil guide to awarding: Summer 2021 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

**Stage One Appeal** – Centre Review. If after talking to the relevant department staff, as mentioned above a pupil feels their grade is wrong, they should e-mail [resultsenquiries@truroschool.com](mailto:resultsenquiries@truroschool.com) to ask if there was a mistake in determining or submitting the grade. Checks will then be undertaken by the School to establish whether there were any errors of calculation or administration associated with that grade. If there was a mistake, the School will inform the candidate that their grade has been raised or lowered accordingly, and will submit a revised grade to the exam board for confirmation.

**Stage Two Appeal** – Exam Board Review. If the School does not find any mistake in its own processes but the pupil still believes that their grade may be wrong, they can ask the School to submit a formal appeal to the exam board on their behalf. Pupils can use this stage two process if they believe any of the following applies:

* there was an error in the way the School followed or applied its own procedure for determining their grade.
* the School did not make a reasonable judgement when deciding which evidence to use to determine their grade.
* the School did not make a reasonable judgement about their grade based on the evidence gathered.

If an appeal is submitted to an exam board in this way, the School will supply the complete evidence used in support of the pupil’s grade to the exam board for review. As at Stage One, the outcome can be any of no change, a raised grade, or a lowered one. Please note exam boards charge for appeals which will be passed on to families.

Deadlines for appeals can be found on the letter accompanying your exam results.

**Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or queries**