

St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Thursday 23 July 2020

Dear Year 13 and your Families

We have reached the end of the academic year and we know that the last 4 months have been a time of great challenge. Particularly for Year 13 students who were unable to fulfill their right of passage, and unlike every year group before them, were not able to sit their examinations.

As you know the grades will be awarded differently this year. The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) regulates qualifications and exams in England. They produced the guidelines for schools to generate Centre Assessment Grades and a rank order of students within each of these grades. The grades had to reflect a fair, reasonable and carefully considered judgement of the most likely grade a student would have achieved if they had sat their exams this summer.

Exam boards and Ofqual have devised a way of standardising grades across all schools and colleges using expected grades, previous school results and the prior attainment of students. This is to ensure the grades are as fair as possible. The teachers at St Martin's have used all available evidence of each student's knowledge, skills and abilities to inform professional judgements.

You will find further important information on our school website <u>here</u>. Please read this carefully, as this will give you full details of the examination process this year.

Your results will be emailed to your school email account as a pdf attachment between **8.00am and 9.00am** on **Thursday 13 August**. Please remember to save your results to a personal storage device or send them to a personal email account.

Better than expected?

If you have done better than expected and wish to reconsider your offers, please visit: <u>UCAS</u> <u>Adjustment - How it works for better exam results</u> Here you will find how to register for **Adjustment** and how to look for alternative options.

Need Help?

Hopefully, your results will be everything you had hoped for. However, if they mean you are unable to progress to your chosen pathway, we will be here to support you.

The sixth form will be open from **9.00am** and will be able to offer advice and guidance over the phone or in person. However, due to the pandemic and restrictions, all face-to-face appointments must be requested and confirmed via phone 0203 910 1556 or email jkenison@stmartins.academy in advance so that a timeslot can be allocated.

Autumn exam entries

Whilst the Sixth form will work with you to ensure you can get onto your chosen pathway, there will be an opportunity to sit the A level examinations if you would like to. Precise dates for each examination have not yet been published, but A Levels will be sat between 5 and 23 October 2020. This will be followed by GCSEs between 2 and 23 November 2020.



However, entries for the exam have to be made to the Exam Boards very early in September, so the deadline for payment and to be entered for one or more of these exams is **Wednesday 26 August 2020.** A deposit equivalent to the price of each exam if a resit is requested will be approximately **£40.00** per exam. If you wish to consider this option please contact the school Examinations Officer Ms Mckoy on cmckoy@stmartins.academy. Please make any request as soon as possible after Results Day, so that the appropriate entry can be made.

After Results Day, **Young Enterprise** invites Year 13 to join their **free** Webinars where they will have the chance to hear from two inspirational speakers who will share their stories of life after results day and how they came to be where they are today.

Students can book a place and access the **free** webinar on their chosen date by clicking on the link.

Year 13 - Friday 14 August 2020 or Monday 17 August 2020 Life After Results Day: Live Webinar Registration, Multiple Dates

The National Careers Service has also set up an exams results helpline. You or your parents/carer can contact the helpline on 0800 100 900 to speak to a professionally qualified careers advisor if you need advice on your next steps. The helpline will be open from 8.00am to 10.00pm from Thursday 13 August until Friday 28 August or you can visit nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

We would like to end by wishing everyone all the best in the future. We still want to celebrate with Year 13 and hope to have an opportunity some time in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

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