

Dear Parents, 6th August 2020

Assalamalaikum Wa Rahmathulahi Wa Barakathuhu.

I hope and pray that you and your family are in the best of health and Imaan.

I am happy to confirm with you, that we will continue to host our socially distanced Results Day, in School on 20th August. It will be essential that all young people and their families adhere to the risk management controls in this letter to ensure the event is safe and the risk of transmission to COVID-19 is minimised.

- Please note results can only be collected by students themselves.
- School will be open from **9.30am till 12pm**.
- Students will come into School through the main entrance and will be required to form a socially distanced queue before entering school.
- A one-way system will be in place whereby students will receive results in the hall and expected to leave via the hall exit.
- Unfortunately, Students must not have physical contact with other students or staff.
 A strict no hugging rule will be in force. This is sad but necessary to ensure everyone's safety.
- Family members will be required to wait for their daughter in the school car park and will **not be permitted** to come onto site.
- Parents will be able to book an appointment to see a member of staff either that afternoon or during the next week. Information regarding booking these appointments will be shared on the day.
- If students choose not to collect their results in person, results will be emailed to students by 11am on 20th August. However, If you wish to have your results emailed to you then you must email the headteacher on headteacher@boltonislamicgirlsschool.org.uk by no later than 18th August using your school email address and confirming you wish to have your results emailed.

Support on and after Results day

We are all incredibly disappointed that students in Year 11 have been denied the chance to sit external exams this year. The exceptional circumstances in which grades will be allocated means that for this year, ensuring the student's progress onto the courses and destinations they want (and that are right for them), is arguably more important than the actual grades they are allocated.

• On Results Day all young people will be offered an immediate 1:1 interview with a teacher to discuss their plans for September.



- Students will also be offered the opportunity to book a further appointment with a teacher at a later date to discuss their transition to the next phase. Parents will be welcome to attend this meeting. These follow-up sessions will be focused on young people who are encountering problems with college enrolment.
- Students will be given the information on how to book these appointments on results day and this information will be shared with young people who choose not to attend results day.

In addition, Ms Saira Hassan our school careers advisor will be available for support via email: saira.hassan@boltonislamicgirlsschool.org.uk.

How have grades been calculated?

I must also take this opportunity to reassure you that we have done everything possible to ensure the pupils get the grades they deserve. As an exam centre, we have had to send off centre assessed grades for every pupil in all of their subjects. We have calculated these centre assessed grades carefully, fairly and quality assured them through our own robust systems.

The centre assessed grades we sent off are not necessarily the grades that the pupils are awarded. The awarding bodies apply a standardisation process to the grades we submit. The formulae they use is based upon the historic outcomes of our school and schools nationally over the last few years.

If your results are not what you wanted

We are hopeful that the arrangements for grading this summer will enable the majority of our students to progress to the next stage of study or employment, and they may still be able to do this even if the grade isn't what they wanted.

However on the occasion that students are not happy with their results then please take a look at the ofqual <u>student guide</u> to find out more about autumn exams, making an appeal, and what to do if you have concerns about bias or discrimination.

(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-guide-to-post-16-qualification-results-summer-2020)

Support phonelines:

Exam Results Helpline Telephone 0800 100 900 **Ofqual Telephone** 0300 303 3344

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk (https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

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The Exam Results Helpline can provide information on appeals, complaints, or what your next steps may be once you've received your results.

A small gift for students

I know our Y11 students have missed out on so many of their rites of passage as they leave secondary school. As a small goodbye gift, we have produced a Year 11 Booklet for our 'Class of 2020' and we will give this to students, along with their results on the 20th of August.

A future leavers' event

I know our Y11 students have missed out on their Summer Prom event. When things start to return to 'normal' we will try to reschedule a celebration event for Y11. What that will look like, we don't know yet, but we will speak to the students and seek to provide them with the traditional leaving event that they want, and that they deserve.

I hope that you and your family stay safe and well and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our young people with you all, when it is safe to do so InshAllah.

Thank you for your continued support and please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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