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## Provisional plans for GCSE results day (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August)

10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear parents / carers

We're keen to enable pupils to come and collect results in person on results day, it's always a very special moment, however we also recognise that due to COVID-19 things will need to be different this year. Please be aware that these our provisional plans and subject to any changes in government guidance and any local restrictions being put in place. We will endeavour to email all families the week before results day to confirm and finalise these arrangements.

The school will be open from 10:00am-14:00 for pupils to collect their results, but we will be operating allocated arrival times in order to limit the numbers of people on site at any one time. Staff will be on hand to celebrate but also provide support and advice regarding Next Steps.

Please note that pupils must collect their results in person and we are unable to release them to parents without prior written consent. If pupils are unable to collect their results themselves then a signed declaration must be completed prior to results day, naming the individual who will collect them on their behalf. This must be completed and signed by the pupil. Those collecting results on a pupil's behalf must also bring photographic ID with them on the day. Please ensure declarations are posted to Miss Forster (Exams officer) before the end of term using the school address. Alternatively results can be posted, but a self-addressed envelope, complete with a stamp, must be supplied and again posted to Miss Forster.

In addition to allocated arrival times, we will be putting the following safety measures in place:

- Pupils should only be accompanied by a maximum of two adults
- A queuing system will be in operation to ensure social distancing
- If the weather permits, we will set up collection desks outside. However, if not families will be asked to remain in the playground whilst pupils collect their results inside
- Anyone entering the building will be required to use the hand sanitiser provided upon entry and exit
- It is vital that any anybody showing any symptoms of COVID-19 **MUST NOT** attend and should stay at home in accordance with government guidelines. Please contact us and we will make alternative arrangements

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Pupils will be allocated an arrival time based on their surnames. In order to ensure the safety of all we ask that families do adhere and respect these timings.

<b>Allocated arrival times:</b>	
Surnames A-B	10:00 - 10:45
Surnames C-F	10:45 - 11:15
Surnames G-K	11:15 - 11:45
Surnames L-M	11:45 - 12:15
Surnames N-S	12:15 - 12:45
Surnames T-W	12:45 - 13:15

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch either via Mrs Costin-Webb or the main school contacts, which can be found on our website.

### **Next steps (College, Sixth forms and post-16 education)**

It is important that pupils have applied and secured provisional places for their post-16 options. As you will be aware, young people are now expected to be in education, employment or training until they are 18. Schools, colleges and training providers offer a range of subjects and courses that pupils can study full-time. We know that almost all pupils have already secured places for their next steps. However, we also know that a small number of our pupils might not have formalised their plans or indeed might have changed their minds. Below you will find details of local providers, many of which are still taking applications and are able to discuss potential courses.

<b>Post-16 provider</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>Bedford College/ Shuttleworth College</b>	<a href="http://www.bedford.ac.uk">http://www.bedford.ac.uk</a> Virtual open days: <a href="https://bedfordcollegegroupopendays.co.uk/">https://bedfordcollegegroupopendays.co.uk/</a>
<b>Bedford Sixth Form</b>	<a href="http://www.bedfordsixthform.ac.uk/">http://www.bedfordsixthform.ac.uk/</a>
<b>Bedford Academy</b>	<a href="http://bedfordacademy.co.uk/sixth-form/6.html">http://bedfordacademy.co.uk/sixth-form/6.html</a>
<b>Biddenham</b>	<a href="http://www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk/sixth-form">http://www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk/sixth-form</a>
<b>KCA</b>	<a href="http://www.kempstonchallengeracademy.org/sixth-form/">http://www.kempstonchallengeracademy.org/sixth-form/</a>
<b>Kimberley</b>	<a href="https://www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/">https://www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/</a>
<b>Sharnbrook</b>	<a href="http://www.sharnbrook.beds.sch.uk/sixth-form/">http://www.sharnbrook.beds.sch.uk/sixth-form/</a>
<b>SSG (Apprenticeships &amp; training)</b>	<a href="http://www.ssgservices.org/Training/apprenticeships/start-an-apprenticeship/">http://www.ssgservices.org/Training/apprenticeships/start-an-apprenticeship/</a>
<b>St Thomas More</b>	<a href="http://www.st-thomasmore.org.uk">http://www.st-thomasmore.org.uk</a>
<b>Mark Rutherford</b>	<a href="http://www.markrutherford.beds.sch.uk/information_6thform.asp">http://www.markrutherford.beds.sch.uk/information_6thform.asp</a>

It is also important to remember, that when your child receives their results on 20<sup>th</sup> August they will need to confirm their place with providers. They will also be able to discuss potential options in the event that a pupil does not achieve their offer requirements and establish the most suitable steps forward for your child. We will also be on hand to assist pupils and provide additional support and guidance.

Finally, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank parents, carers and families for choosing Bedford Free School for your child's secondary school education and for your ongoing support during their time here. The past few months in particular have been very difficult. We appreciate everything you have done for your child at home and the love and care you have provided over the past few years. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you to ensure your son or daughter achieves their full potential. I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing you on results day.

Keep safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Blake', written in a cursive style.

Tim Blake  
**Principal**