

# Results Guidance for Summer 2020

## WHAT IF MY RESULTS AREN'T WHAT I EXPECTED?

The first thing to do is to discuss your options with your chosen sixth form/college. You may find that they will still offer you a place even if you haven't quite met their entry requirements. They may also be able to offer you alternative options/courses. If your chosen sixth form/college is unable to offer you a place you can then begin to make enquiries at different centres. The important thing to remember is that this year is unlike any other. Many students will find themselves in this situation and there are many options open to you.

## I AM DISAPPOINTED WITH MY GRADES, WHAT CAN I DO?

Unfortunately, due to the way in which results have been calculated this year, the usual post results procedures do not apply. The government are yet to publish final details on the appeals process but we will let you know if it is possible to appeal your grades once we know. In the mean time you will be able to sit GCSE exams in the autumn if you would like the opportunity to improve any of your grades. iMedia, Hospitality and Catering and Retail Business will also offer resit opportunities but these may be at a later time.

#### WHEN ARE THE AUTUMN EXAMS, WHERE WILL I SIT THEM, AND HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

GCSE exams will take place between Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November and Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. There will be no non-exam assessment (coursework) for these exams. For those subjects which would normally include this element, grades will be calculated based on exam/s only.

You will sit your exams at your original centre (school) unless you failed to achieve a standard pass (grade 4) in either English Language or mathematics, in which case you may need to sit those exams at your new college/sixth form.

The school will pay for all exam entries and therefore there will be no charge unless you ask to be entered and fail to arrive for the examinations without good reason. If you wish to withdraw from any examination once entered, please advise the school as soon as possible.

#### WHEN DO I HAVE TO DECIDE?

You may be uncertain about whether or not you want to sit exams in the autumn. You may find that your disappointment fades, that you are too busy with your new studies, or that you simply don't need to take them now that you have been accepted onto you chosen course or an alternative. Entries have to be made to exam boards in September and you therefore need to decide, complete the enclosed form and return it to school by Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. If you change your mind and need to be withdrawn after you have been entered please advise the school as soon as possible.

# WHAT IF I TAKE EXAMS IN THE AUTUMN AND MY NEW GRADES ARE LOWER THAN MY ORIGINAL ONES?

If this happens it will be the higher of the two grades that count. Examination certificates will only be reprinted with higher grades.

#### WHO CAN HELP?

For more information please email Miss Rice on <u>m.rice@stclementshigh.org.uk</u>

The national results helpline:

The National Careers Service will be delivering the Exam Results Helpline during August 2020. Young people or their parents can contact the helpline on 0800 100 900 to speak to a professionally qualified careers adviser if they need advice on their next steps. The helpline will be open from 8 am to 10 pm from Thursday 13 August until Friday 28 August. After these dates, young people will be able to access ongoing support from the National Careers Service at any time by calling 0800 100 900, visiting nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us or searching for the National Careers Service on Facebook and Twitter.