

## Dudley Academies Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re: Year 11 Examination Results Day 20/08/20**

I understand that this is a very anxious time for you and our Year 11 learners as we await examination results this August.

I want to reassure you that the predicted grades that we were required to submit to examination boards were based on a robust and in depth process. Our predictions were not only moderated by the Trust's subject Directors from our central team, but we also commissioned subject leaders from another Trust to approve and validate our processes.

On results day, your child will be invited to attend their academy and they will have a specific time slot. Learners will receive their certificates from a range of examination boards. In addition, they will receive a certificate from their academy; all of their examination subjects will be listed with the grade awarded by Dudley Academies Trust.

Given this exceptional year, I am happy to report that our sponsor, Dudley College of Technology, will be supporting our learners with their transition to post 16 education. Specifically:

- Rather than purely using the examination board results, the College has agreed that they will also use the academy certificate when choosing the level and programme that learners enrol on to. This applies to both A-levels and vocational/technical programmes (including the new T-levels). Judgements will not be made on examination board results alone, in an effort to support as many learners as possible to move to the subject and level they had planned.
- The College has introduced a new six week transition programme at the start of every programme. Whilst this will include the delivery of their chosen programme, it will also include additional sessions to support learners in their return to education and to settle in to College life. The six week transition programme will also be an opportunity for the learner or the College to suggest a change to the level or programme a learner is studying if their ability shows that they should be on a higher or lower level programme.
- The College will, as always, deliver taught English and mathematics retake programmes to anyone who did not achieve a grade 4 or above from examination board. They will also work closely with Dudley Academies Trust to support examination retakes for any other subjects where learners have chosen to do this.

I must point out that these arrangements are with our sponsor, Dudley College of Technology, and do not apply to other colleges or post 16 centres.

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On results day, there will be a range of staff available to support learners and to advise them on their post 16 choices. There will also be advice on November re-takes should any learners want to discuss this option.

Please note the individual academy will be in contact with you and your child regarding arrangements for the day.

Our Year 11 learners are a credit to the Trust and we all appreciate how hard they have worked. I hope that our support for them will reassure you and our young people that their hard work has been fully recognised. We will do everything possible to support them and to ensure that they move forward to positive post 16 destinations.

Yours sincerely

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