

# St Crispin's School

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Dear Parent/Carer and Students

## Re. Year 11 and Year 13 Examination Results Days

Over the last few months we like all schools across the country and exams boards have been working hard to deliver the GCSE and A Level results with a process that has never been employed before! The Infographic below illustrates how the awarding process has worked this year, after the exams were cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

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### GCSE, AS, A levels and VQs 2020: How it works

**Phase 1: Schools and Colleges**

Schools and colleges have submitted to exam boards the centre assessed grades teachers think you would have received had you sat the exam.

Teachers also submitted a rank order for you based on how you were expected to perform in each subject.

Teachers used information such as your coursework, mock exams, assessments, general records and performance throughout each course to determine your grade and ranking.

**Phase 2: Exam Board Checks**

Exam boards are now checking grades for consistency using a model developed with regulators.

They are working hard to make sure grades are awarded fairly and in line with previous national results in each subject, how well this year's students have performed previously and how well the school or college has performed in recent years.

**Phase 3: Results Days**

AS and A Levels: 13<sup>th</sup> August  
GCSEs: 20<sup>th</sup> August  
Results released at 8am!

This is the moment you've been waiting for! Even though you didn't have the exam experience, you can be confident that the grades reflect your work and have been awarded as fairly as possible to ensure you're ready to take the next step in your education.

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**The results received in August of this year have no less value than for previous cohorts and will be seen to have same value as grades awarded in previous years.** The calculated grades are derived from the centre assessed grades which in turn are based on the grade a student would be most likely to have achieved had exams gone ahead. Centre assessed grades draw on a range of evidence to reach a holistic judgement. To make sure that grades are fair between schools, exam boards are putting all centre assessment grades through a process of standardisation using a model developed with OfQUAL, the independent qualifications regulator. The standardisation system considers a school results over time and students' prior attainment to determine whether the centre assessment grades submitted were more generous or severe than predicted. This process allows for the standardisation of grades across schools and colleges to ensure that results are aligned across the cohort. For this reason, students' final calculated grades will not necessarily be the same as either the centre assessment grade put forward by the school or the predicted grades used for university applications. OfQUAL's overriding aim is to make sure arrangements this summer are as fair as possible for all students. Further information is in the guidance from OfQUAL [here](#)

As the Infographic shows, the results days for Year 11 and Year 13 will still take place in August. To re-state, the dates are:

- **Year 13, A Level Results Day: Thursday 13th August**
- **Year 11, GCSE Results Day: Thursday 20th August**

Results will be **shared electronically** and will be released **after 8am**.

**For reasons of security no results will be emailed out but instead will be accessed independently via the school INSIGHT portal.**

**In line with exam board guidelines, we are regrettably not permitted to post or email results to Parents or Carers.**

To avoid any issue on the results days with the INSIGHT portal, **we strongly recommend each student check their INSIGHT account in advance.**

Students can log into their INSIGHT portal on this link <https://insight.st-crispins.wokingham.sch.uk/INSIGHT/> using their school email address and password for the school computer system.

Details for using the INSIGHT portal are as follows:

- Login to INSIGHT using the first part of school email address (i.e. Smithpa) and password

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- <https://insight.st-crispins.wokingham.sch.uk/INSIGHT/> or via the App
- Exam results will appear on the home page once you have logged in. If they do not, click on the top menu, then Assessments and then Examinations report
- Year 13 will also see previous GCSE results as well as their A level results
- To print a statement of results right click the mouse and select print.

If there are any problems with this, please contact [insight@crispins.co.uk](mailto:insight@crispins.co.uk)

All results must be viewed from INSIGHT **by 31st August**.

On the results days, as well as examination results, students will receive further information via email to support them on their next steps in education. Where a student needs additional advice for entry to university from Year 13 or to our Sixth Form from Year 11, we have made arrangements to provide this support through individual meetings via Microsoft Teams.

**For Year 13 students, members of the Sixth Form Team will be available on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August (via Microsoft Teams)** to speak with any student who needs guidance or support. Staff available include: Mrs West, our Acting Head of Sixth Form [westk@crispins.co.uk](mailto:westk@crispins.co.uk) , Mr Yeatman our Deputy Head of Sixth Form [yeatmanc@crispins.co.uk](mailto:yeatmanc@crispins.co.uk) or Ms Pearson, Deputy Headteacher [pearsons@crispins.co.uk](mailto:pearsons@crispins.co.uk). Simply send an email to request a meeting and in turn the member of staff will agree a time to meet with the student and their parents via Microsoft Teams.

**For Year 11 students, the Sixth Form Team will be available on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August (via Microsoft Teams)** to speak with any student who wishes to make a change to their course choices or who has not met the entry requirement for their chosen post 16 options. Staff available include: Mrs West, our Acting Head of Sixth Form [westk@crispins.co.uk](mailto:westk@crispins.co.uk) , Mr Yeatman our Deputy Head of Sixth Form [yeatmanc@crispins.co.uk](mailto:yeatmanc@crispins.co.uk) or Mr Hudson, Assistant Headteacher [HUDSONJ@crispins.co.uk](mailto:HUDSONJ@crispins.co.uk) Again students or parents simply send an email to request a meeting and in turn the member of staff will agree a time to meet with the student and their parents via Microsoft Teams.

Further support for all students is available through Adviza, the national Careers Advice Service. Our school appointed Advisor is Rebecca Dean who will be able to give personalised advice for next steps in education [RebeccaDean@adviza.org.uk](mailto:RebeccaDean@adviza.org.uk) or 07951518307.

Finally the National Careers Service will be delivering the Exam Results Helpline during August 2020. **Students or their parents can contact the helpline on 0800 100 900 to speak**

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**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](http://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us) or searching for the National Careers Service on Facebook and Twitter.

**The DfE have confirmed that students in Year 11 and 13 will have the opportunity to actually sit their GCSE and A-Level examinations in what is called an “additional series”**; in other words a specially put on public examination time for this unique cohort who have been affected by Covid 19 cancellation of usual summer series. AS and A level exams will take place in October 2020 and GCSE exams in November 2020. The details of this decision can be found in the Ofqual document [here](#)

Students in Year 11 and Year 12 can sit these public exams **if they feel they could have demonstrated improved performance in an exam or if they need an improved result to progress onto the next stage of their education.** In most cases, however students will want to use their awarded GCSE or A level.

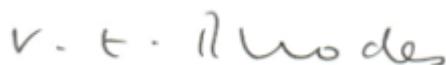
St Crispin’s will host this additional exam series **with the exception of GCSE Maths and English.** For these two specific exams the government has determined that they must be taken where the student is actually on roll from September 2020.

**In the information we will send on the respective results days will include details of the process for students informing us if they wish to sit examinations in the new academic year and the inevitable deadlines that will involve!**

In my letter on 19<sup>th</sup> March (which seems now a life time ago) I said: “The specific moment of assessment has been taken from students but what can never be stolen is all they have learnt, all they have gained in knowledge and honed in skills. Learning lasts forever: it is never devalued...”

**I trust students will be proud of and rightly take the pleasure they deserve from their achievements on these up-coming results days.**

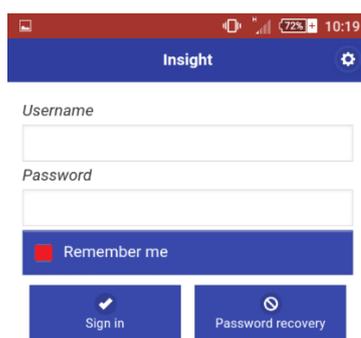
Yours faithfully,



Ms Rhodes  
Headteacher

## Guide to installing the INSIGHT App

1. Go to the App Store or Play Store and search for “TASC Insight”.
2. Download and install this as you would with any other app.
3. Once you have installed and opened the app, you will need to click the cog button on the top right of the screen then either scan the QR code on the INSIGHT homepage on the website on your PC, or enter the URL of your Insight page into the app.
4. The URL for our school is <https://insight.st-crispins.wokingham.sch.uk/INSIGHT/>



5. You will need to login using your school email address and password

**We would suggest that for online safety you do not click on the ‘remember me’ button if you are using the app on your phone or a shared device.**

You can also access INSIGHT on a PC: <https://insight.st-crispins.wokingham.sch.uk/INSIGHT/> If you have any queries or issues accessing the app please contact us at [insight@crispins.co.uk](mailto:insight@crispins.co.uk)