

GCSES Results Day Information

Results day is a major event and milestone, and for you and your child, it can feel like the rest of their life hinges on whatever is in that envelope.

Of course, it is not the case, though – there are plenty of options if they receive lower or higher results than expected on the big day and we are here to support.

This guide aims to help you understand those options and support your child through their next steps.

Do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries at cneimbhard@deptfordgreen.co.uk

What to do on the big day

Once your child receives their results, they will need to confirm their place and course.

How they do this will depend on where they applied to. Each sixth form or college run their enrolment slightly differently and you and your child should have received instructions from the colleges/ sixth forms they applied to.

Some sixth forms using the Applica One system might ask that you upload your results and confirm your place and course online.

Additionally, if you have used Applica One and have ‘an account’ and reconsidering your choices, you might be able to see where there are places available.

If you have been invited to enrol in person, the enrolment team will be there to help you and your child enrol and check they meet the entry requirements for their chosen subjects or offer alternatives if they do not. Be aware that some sixth forms do not offer other courses if your child does not meet Level 3 entry requirements so they will direct you to another institution. You usually need to take the results statement, and sometimes ID and acceptance letter/ email and proof of address.

We recommend not enrolling in a big group and being accompanied by a trusted adult. It is an important decision that should not be made solely based on friendship groups (even though it is naturally tempting).

If you are not around to get your results or you will not be around for the enrolment slot you have been given and will not have internet access, we strongly recommend you make prior arrangements to inform the sixth form or college and do not leave it too late to enrol. Some institutions and courses fill up quite quickly so your choices when you come back could be limited.

If your child receives lower results than expected

Offer support and encouragement

Reassure them that low results do not have to be the end of their academic dreams, and they have not let anyone down. Allow them some time to be upset if that is how they feel; then, when they are ready, encourage them to start thinking about their options.

They will resit English and Maths if they have not yet achieved a grade 4. They can choose an alternative college, or sixth form and they can study their chosen subjects at a lower level (e.g., a

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level 2 BTEC instead of a level 3). Students get three years of funding for post-16 study. This means your child can go to college and retake some GCSEs or complete a level 2 qualification, then continue onto level 3 study (such as A levels, T Levels, Level 3 BTECs, etc.) the following academic year.

Request for their papers to be remarked:

Please note that their teachers will be closely looking at their marks and will recommend remarking where appropriate but *there is no guarantee that grades will improve and there might be a cost.*

Encourage your child to speak to their teachers and our careers lead for help and advice on their options.

If your child receives higher results than expected

Fantastic news! unless they want it to, nothing will change.

When students get higher results than they thought they would, they sometimes feel tempted to change their chosen post-16 qualifications or subjects or change their chosen place of study for one perceived to be more 'prestigious'. Your child can of course do this if they want to, but they don't have to.

They probably spent a long time deciding what to do after school. Changing their course, place of study, or apprenticeship should take just as long as it did to make that decision the first time.

If your child does have a change of heart, this guidance will help them to make sure the choice really is the right one for them:

- **Changing subjects:** advise your child to fully research any alternative subject options especially if it is a subject they have not studied before—level 3 courses can actually be very different to their level 2 counterparts.
- **Changing college or sixth form:** advise them to visit new institutions they are considering if they have not already attended an open day. They will be there for at least two years, so it can help them to figure out if they like it and if it has the facilities they need.
- **Changing apprenticeship:** your child should research and speak to any alternative apprenticeship providers / places of work they are considering. They will be working in that environment for 80% of their apprenticeship, so they will need to know the company's ethos and values, and what the team they will be working with is like.

If your child is feeling anxious about results day

Encourage them to talk about what specifically is worrying them.

If it is something simple, like 'I don't know where to get my results', you can find the answer together and figure out a plan for the day.

If it is something bigger, like 'what if I've done really badly', then you can have a conversation about it:

- Reassure your child that, no matter what their results are, you (and the rest of their family) will continue to be proud of their efforts.

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- Remind them that they will not have to open their results in school or in front of everyone – they can choose exactly how, when, and where they want to do it.
- Reassure them that if they achieve lower results than expected, there are plenty of options to consider.

It can help to plan something relaxing for the night before they get their results. You could watch a film together with some snacks, have a picnic in the park, do some baking, listen to your favourite music, play a board game, or do something active like bowling. Encourage your child to avoid social media if possible, as their friends' worries about results day might increase their own.

It can also help to plan a treat for after the big day – one that will go ahead *regardless* of the results they achieve.

See some useful information about careers, apprenticeships, and other qualifications here: [July 2025 - Choices](#)

At enrolment- Further information and support

You may be eligible for [the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund](#). This can help you pay for things like books, travel or equipment if you struggle with education or training costs for your chosen path.

Ensure you ask about it during enrolment.

After enrolment-Confirming Your Post-16 Destination

Students must confirm their post-16 destination with Deptford School via this online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/XLQc0U3dXV>

You must confirm your post-16 destination with us, no later than **Monday 22nd September 2025**. Someone from school or the local authority will be in touch with you if have not yet completed the form.

We would relish the opportunity to stay in touch! You can join the alumni network directly here: <https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk/register/deptford-green-school>

You may need additional advice, guidance and support to enrol or might have a query.

That's ok, we are here to help. Please email:

cnebhard@deptfordgreen.co.uk or Careers@deptfordgreen.co.uk

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Lewisham Careers Team Support and National Careers Service

The Lewisham careers team, Baseline, are on-hand throughout results day and in the days/weeks that follow. A dedicated team of trained careers advisers are ready to advise, support and guide. They can be contacted on baseline@lewisham.gov.uk.

On results, day the Baseline team will be available at the Civic Suite in Catford. The address is Civic Suite, 1 Catford Road, Catford, London, SE6 4RU.

The 47 and 136 buses go to the Civic Suite.

They will be there to provide students with information, advice and guidance. Just turn up on Thursday 21st August between 11am and 3pm.

The National Careers Service are also on-hand to provide additional information, advice and guidance. You can speak to a qualified adviser about your post-16 options via the phone or online chat. Advisers can be contacted via this web address - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>. Click on 'Get help with your exam results'. You can also call [0800 100 900](tel:0800100900) or [use webchat](#) to speak to an adviser.

Colfe's Scholarships

If you would like to speak to a member of staff at Colfe's regarding a potential scholarship, then please talk or contact Mrs Nembhard to discuss. Mrs Nembhard can be contacted at cnembhard@deptfordgreen.co.uk

If you have received a particularly high set of results (five or more grade 8s or 9s) but had not applied for a Colfe's or other independent sixth form scholarship, then it would be worth getting in touch with Mrs Nembhard. Similarly, if you had been offered a scholarship and your results do not match your offer, do speak to Mrs Nembhard as there might be some flexibility.

Thank you to all Year 11 students and their parents and carers. You have been tremendous and an inspiration to us all!

We do hope you have secured the results you wanted but whatever they are, move forward with your next steps, even if it is through a different route.

Remember, we are here for you if you need us. All the details are above.

This is not a goodbye, but very much a good luck, go and be great and see you soon!

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Deptford Green alumni network!