



From the Headmaster

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Dear Parents,

Epsom has chosen to publish its provisional results this year, as last, only through its website and not through the national newspaper League Tables.

For almost every year in the last decade, the results as declared by the examination boards in mid-August have suffered from many errors, forcing Epsom and many other schools to request remarks and rechecking. We will not publish to the press our final results until this process has been completed, which might well take months.

As well as our profound reservations about the accuracy of such early publication of results, we remain critical of the mixed messages that are sent out by the League Tables produced by the national newspapers. The conversion of these raw results into League Tables, as well as being inaccurate in mid-August, depends substantially on an individual newspaper editor's view of what constitutes a top grade; the role of UCAS points. The waters are muddied further by the attempt to compare A level 'apples' with IB 'pears,' a situation certain to worsen as A* grades, the Pre-U and university entrance tests become more prominent.

Epsom will continue to be open with its results, enabling parents to compare one school's results with another, but we believe this is better accomplished through our website rather than the rushed hype of the flawed mid-August League Tables.

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