

Year 11 grading 2021

This parent webinar will provide;

1. Information about GCSE results
2. Information about the marks published for students
3. Information about the appeals process
4. The November GCSE exam series

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Key documents

- DfE Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2021/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2021>

- OfQUAL student guide

- An outline of the whole grading process written specifically for students



- Summer 2021 JCQ Centre Policy

- Details the school assessment process
- Has been quality assured and ratified by the exam boards

Centre Policy template

FOR A/AS LEVELS AND GCSEs FOR SUMMER 2021

- JCQ - A guide to the appeals process Summer 2021 series

Explains the appeals process.

- Is available on the JCQ website (link is in the picture)

GCSE results

- Thursday 12th August
- Collect from school 10am – 1pm
- Results will be available on Go4Schools from 1.30pm
- If the student can not attend they can;
 - Pass a stamp addressed envelope to Mrs Howell for the results to be posted.
 - Write to or email (from school email account) Mrs Howell nominating a named person to collect the results on their behalf.

Teacher assessed grades

- We are not able to communicate the final grades submitted to the exam boards.
- These grades are still subject to External Quality Assurance and may change.
- Students component scores have been published on Go4Schools.
- In order to view them, parents and students should:-
 - a) Log into Go4Schools in the usual way
 - b) Scroll down to the “Detailed Progress” section
 - c) Click on the subject name; each subject with a clickable link has marksheet(s) to view. The names of the marksheets are in the Breakdown column and are also links which can be clicked.

Detailed progress

Subject
Biology

Assessments

Component Marks Contributing to Final Outcome

Component Marks Contributing to Final Outcome (does not contribute to final outcome)
Assessment 1 BIO/2F November Part 1 Mar 23 . Raw mark out of 23
Assessment 2 BIO/2H November Part 2 May 21. Raw mark out of 23
Assessment 3 BIO/2F November Part 2 Apr 21. Raw mark out of 18
Assessment 4 BIO/2H November Part 2 Apr 21. Raw mark out of 22

Component marks / grades

- Most of the assessments completed by students will be awarded a raw mark.
- Some may have been awarded a grade. (Particularly non-GCSE subjects).
- The marks indicate the score achieved in each component, however, final (holistic) grades were awarded following comparison to the OfQUAL grade descriptors.
- Marks also don't indicate the difficulty of the assessment. If the assessment was harder, a lower mark (or percentage) may be required to demonstrate the appropriate skills and knowledge to achieve a higher grade than in an easier assessment.

Appeals

- The appeals process for summer 2021 allows students to appeal their grade in a subject where they believe there has been an error.
- Procedural and administrative errors have been minimised through the use of robust internal checks and quality assurance.
- These processes are detailed in the Centre Policy.
- Procedural or administrative errors can be identified at any stage of the assessment process, up to the final deadline for appeals.

Appeals stage 1 – centre review

- Any student may submit a request for a centre review on the grounds that;
- The school failed to follow its procedures properly or consistently in arriving at the final grade
- **or**
- The school made an administrative error in relation to the result.
- All requests for a centre review must be made directly to the school.
- Information about how to initiate this will be included with the results.
- The deadline for submitting an appeal will be Friday 3rd September.
- In the event that a student wishes to appeal on the grounds of procedural or administrative errors, an explanation of what went wrong and how this impacted the final grade must be provided by the student.
- If a student requests a centre review there are three possible outcomes:
 - The original grade is **lowered**.
 - The original grade is **confirmed**, so there is no change to the grade.
 - The original grade is **raised**.

Appeals stage 2 – appeals to the awarding organisation

- Any student may submit a request for a stage 2 appeal to the awarding organisation on the grounds that;
- The school failed to follow its procedures properly or consistently in arriving at the final grade or
- The school made an administrative error in relation to the result or
- The grade reflects an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement
- All requests for awarding organisation appeals can only occur after an outcome has been communicated following a stage 1 centre review.
- All requests for appeal must be made to the school who will then pass this to the awarding organisation.
- The deadline for the school passing an appeal to an awarding organisation will be Friday 17th September.
- On appeal evidence has to be provided for one or more of the following reasons;
 - a) Administrative error by the awarding organisation
 - b) Procedural error by the centre
 - c) Issues with access arrangements / reasonable adjustments and/or mitigating circumstances
 - d) Selection of evidence
 - e) Exercise of academic judgement

Appeals stage 2 – appeals to the awarding organisation

- If a student requests an awarding organisation appeal there are three possible outcomes:
- The original grade is **lowered**.
- The original grade is **confirmed**, so there is no change to the grade.
- The original grade is **raised**.
- As the Teacher Assessed Grade is holistic in nature, the awarding organisation will take a similarly holistic approach to their decision-making.
- The independent reviewer will consider whether the original Teacher Assessed grade decision was reasonable.
- The independent reviewer **will not** consider whether they would have given an alternative grade.
- The independent reviewer **will not** consider whether an alternative grade could also reasonably be given.
- The independent reviewer will consider whether the original Teacher Assessed Grade decision was reasonable.

Exam Procedures Review Service

- Following the conclusion of the awarding organisation's appeal process, a student who remains concerned their grade was incorrect may be able to apply for a procedural review to the Exam Procedures Review Service.
- Further details will be provided by the regulator prior to results day.

November GCSE series

- Any student wishing to sit an exam in any GCSE (to improve their grade) will be able to do so in the Autumn term.
- The timetable hasn't yet been released.
- Our estimated timeline is that any student wishing to sit an exam in November will notify Mrs Howell in early September.
- Exams will be scheduled from the week beginning 1st November.
- Students will sit exams at school (not at their post-16 college).
- Results will be released in January.

Proposed timeline

Date	Event
12 th August	Results day
3 rd September	Appeals deadline for centre reviews
1 st November	GCSE November series begins
11 th November	GCSE certificates event

✓ Any questions?