

Parents, Carers and Pupils

Since I wrote to you last week about the production of GCSE, AS and A2 grades, senior colleagues and I have been working through the guidance produced by CCEA and relevant bodies in GB in relation to this process.

The key points from the CCEA documentation are at the bottom of this letter, along with links to detailed guidance for your information.

The Senior Management Team, the pastoral staff, Heads of Department and subject teachers have now begun the process of working with this guidance to produce the centre assessment grades and rank orders required by the exam boards. I would emphasise that the school has the information required to complete this process. Please note that we cannot share the centre assessment grade or the rank order with parents, pupils or anyone outside the centre other than the relevant exam board, and members of staff will not be able to discuss grades or rank orders with you.

We appreciate that this is a very challenging time for exam candidates and their parents. Please be assured that our aim is to secure an outcome that is a fair and accurate reflection of the academic ability and work of all our pupils.

I hope that families, friends and loved ones are all keeping well.

Best wishes

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A summary of the key points:

- Schools will submit a centre assessment grade for each student. This will be a holistic professional judgement, based on existing records and available evidence, to produce a grade that each student is most likely to have achieved if they had sat their exams and internally assessed components.
- Schools will also be asked to rank pupils within each grade in each subject.
- The school cannot share the centre assessment grade or the rank order with pupils, parents or any other individual outside of the centre.
- CCEA will determine the final grade to be awarded.
- AS grades will be awarded in the summer but will not count towards the final A-Level grade. Final examinations taken in May and June 2021 will determine a pupil's overall A-Level result.
- Pupils currently in L6 can also choose to sit AS examinations in summer 2021 alongside their A-Level examinations, either to improve their AS grade or to count towards their A level grade.
- For pupils in Year 11 who were due to take GCSE modules, no grades will be awarded. However, they may be able sit exams in those modules in the autumn of 2020 or spring of 2021.
- Results will be issued in August as usual (13th August AS and A Level, 20th August GCSE).
- A robust appeals process will be put in place.
- Students who feel that their grades from this summer do not reflect their ability will be able to sit examinations at the next available opportunity. If they choose to do this, the higher grade will stand.

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