

## Examination results and appeals Summer 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a major impact on examination results this year because the Government took the decision to close schools and decided that in the interests of public safety all examinations were cancelled. This meant that a completely new system of arriving at examination results for students had to be found and these have been determined by using Centre Assessed Grades (CAG's). **All grades awarded this year carry the same weight as all previous years and the certificate will be identical.**

### What process was used to award my grade?

For GCSE, AS and A Level subjects, schools were asked to provide a Centre Assessed Grade (CAG) for every student in each subject and then to place students into a rank order within each grade. The grade was calculated by teachers using their professional judgement to make fair and objective decisions about all students, using a wide range of information. The evidence used may have included any of the following: progress review data, classwork, homework, non-examined assessment (coursework), mock examinations, AS examinations where appropriate, participation in sporting or performance activities, etc. This list is not exhaustive.

Several teachers would have collaborated on arriving at the grades and rank orders and this would have been overseen by a senior member of staff. Once agreement was made within a subject a Declaration Form was signed by the Subject Leader and one other teacher. This form also declares that no bias or discrimination, either favourable or unfavourable was present in the decisions that were arrived at. Existing Access Arrangements and Special Consideration for individual students were taken into account when making decisions about grades and rank orders.

Subject leaders were asked to ensure that previous performance over the past three years was taken into consideration to ensure that outcomes would be similar to those achieved by students of similar ability in previous years. Students should be confident that the decisions were objective and based upon student performance.

A further check was made by the Headmaster, who only signed the Head of Centre Declaration once he was satisfied that the grades and rank orders were a true reflection of the likely outcome if the examinations had taken place.

**Vocational subjects** had a similar process, although there were slight differences in the way in which grades and/or rank orders were processed. Many of the internal assessments that had been completed during the previous twelve months had already been processed. The same strict controls were in place in terms of checking grades and rank orders. Vocational subjects also had to be signed off by a Subject Leader and one other teacher, as well as the Headmaster signing off the Head of Centre Declaration Form.

## Can I appeal my result?

There is an appeals process, but it is very different to appeals from previous years, mainly due to the fact that there are no examinations to request a review of marking. There are only a limited number of opportunities for this to occur. They are summarised as follows:

- The School can make an appeal if it believes that it made an administrative error when submitting a centre assessment grade or rank order
- If the School believes that the examination board made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade
- If the student can provide evidence about bias, discrimination or any other factor that suggests that the School did not behave with care or integrity
- You are **not allowed** to appeal the grade or rank order made by the School

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If you are unhappy with the CAG for any subject there is an opportunity to sit an examination in the Autumn Term. The dates for these are:

- A Level: 5 October - 23 October (entry deadline is 4 September)
- GCSE: 2 November – 23 November (entry deadline is 4 October)

Please contact Mr Williams (Examinations Officer) [pwilliams@ttsonline.net](mailto:pwilliams@ttsonline.net) if you require further information and wish to sit examinations in the Autumn Series. Please be mindful of the closing dates for sitting A Level examinations.

Should you want to request an appeal based on bias or discrimination, please also contact Mr Williams at the School for more information.

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