

## GCSE and A-Level Results in 2021: What You Need To Know

*Find out how pupils will receive teacher-assessed grades this summer for GCSEs, AS and A-levels, and vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs).*

### What is happening?

- Exams are cancelled this summer for GCSEs, AS-levels and A-levels, as well as some VTQs
- Instead of exams, pupils will receive grades based on assessments by their teachers
- Teacher-assessed grades will be sent to the exam board to be processed

### How will teachers make judgements on grades?

- They will use a range of evidence of pupils' work, like coursework, practice papers and classwork, to inform their decisions
- Teachers will let pupils know what evidence they will use before submitting grades to the exam board. This is so pupils can confirm it is their own work, and let teachers know of any mitigating circumstances that might have affected it
- Teachers will only assess pupils based on what they have been taught

### How will we know grades are awarded fairly?

- Our school will have an internal quality assurance process in place that will take into consideration our results in previous years. This is to make sure teachers' judgements are not too harsh or lenient
- Exam boards will also have their own quality assurance process. They will check that our internal procedure is fair before they process any grades, and they might also virtually visit our school to review evidence from some subjects
- We will submit a declaration to the exam board confirming that we have followed the requirements for our internal quality assurance process

### When will we get our results?

- **AS and A-Level Pupils:** Tuesday 10 August 2021
- **GCSE pupils:** Thursday 12 August 2021

### Can we still appeal?

- Yes, all pupils will have the right to appeal their grade. More details will be published on our school website closer to results day in August.
- If you appeal, we will carry out a review to make sure we have followed all processes correctly and that we have not made an error in your grade.
- If we do find an error, we will submit your revised grade to the exam board. If the board is satisfied, it will issue a revised grade
- If we do not believe an error has been made, you can ask us to appeal to the board on your behalf. We will share the evidence your teacher used to set your grade, and the board will review it to see if we made the right judgement. If they find the grade we set is not reasonable, they will provide an alternative grade
- If you disagree with the school's or the exam board's decision, you can refer the issue to Ofqual's Exam Procedures Review Service (EPRS). The exam board will have the final say unless the EPRS finds that it has made an error

### What about vocational qualifications?

- If you are taking BTEC or LIBF to progress to further or higher education, you will not have exams. Your grades will also be awarded based on teachers' judgements
- If you want to appeal your results, we can do that on your behalf following the process set out by the individual awarding organisation concerned.