



Dear Parent

Update on: Examination Results August 2020

As we have previously explained, GCSE results will be emailed out to pupils on **Thursday, 20th August 2020**. We very much hope that pupils feel that these results are fair and we shall be on hand, via telephone to talk through your child's set of examination results and offer support and guidance where needed.

I am writing now to update you on recent publications and decisions made nationally about:

- Appeals
- Autumn Series of Resit Examinations

APPEALING GRADES

Whilst we hope that pupils are pleased with their GCSE grades, 2020 is a very unusual year. Grades have been calculated by the Awarding Bodies and, as a result, the appeal process has been modified and limited. Here are the current grounds for appeal as published by Ofqual (The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation)

Can students appeal these grades?

In line with the direction given to us by the Secretary of State for Education, appeals will be allowed:

- in cases where **a centre believes it has made an error when submitting its information**
- if **the centre believes an exam board made a mistake** when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade

Additionally, **a student who had evidence of bias or discrimination** should raise this with their centre.

AUTUMN SERIES OF RESIT EXAMINATIONS

Ofqual have now published their decisions about the provision of Autumn Resit examinations. The link to the full document is given below; the key points are as follows

- exam boards must make exams available in all GCSE, AS and A level subjects
- exam boards must base results on **students' performance in exams alone** and not on any non-exam assessment, with the exception of art and design qualifications
- exam boards must issue replacement certificates for the summer results if students request this
- the exam boards must adopt the normal arrangements for reviews of marking and appeals for this series

Here is the link to the full document → [**Consultation on an Additional GCSE Exam Series in Autumn 2020**](#)

If you have any further queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, we send our best wishes to you and your families.

Yours faithfully

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