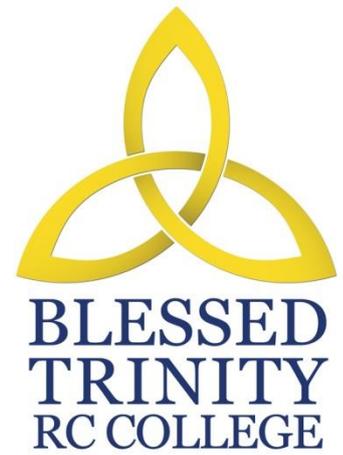


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22 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer



We are writing to you this week to keep you up to date with news about the award of GCSE and Vocational Grades in Summer 2021.

External Quality Assurance

Teacher Assessed Grades were uploaded safely to the Awarding Bodies last week. The grades have been checked and reviewed extensively within school and, in some cases with other local schools. This week, Awarding Bodies begin their external quality assurance process. We shall be informed of which subjects and which pupils' folders have been randomly chosen for sampling and review. The purpose of sampling pupils' work is to check that schools have followed the national guidelines correctly and awarded grades fairly to pupils. I am sure that we all welcome this level of scrutiny across schools in England. Pupils have worked extremely hard over the last 2 years and deserve the grades they receive in the Summer to be accurate and also credible, as they move onto Further Education or Employment.

Results Day 12 August 2021

We are pleased to be able to share our current plans for Results Day with you too. It is our intention to issue results in person this year and pupils will be invited to come into school to collect them from 09:30 on 12 August 2021. If we need to introduce any additional covid -19 measures, such as mask wearing or testing, we shall let you know later in July as the Government guidelines become clearer.

Results Day is an exciting, but often nervous occasion for pupils and their parents and so we shall have staff available to support you with any questions or queries in school. Mrs Hart, our careers advisor, will be on hand to assist with enquiries about Colleges or Apprenticeships. Mrs Harbord, our exams officer and Miss Stevens will be in school if you need to ask questions about appealing your grades.

Appeals Process for Summer Grades 2021

Whilst we hope that most pupils are happy with their results, there is a process in place if your child feels that a grade is incorrect. The [official guidance for students and parents from JCO](#) is available on the school website but essentially the appeals process involves 2 Stages:

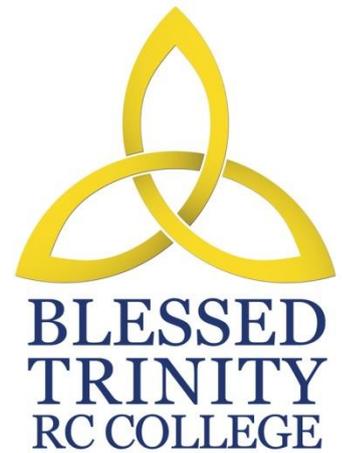
- **Stage 1: The Centre Review**

This is the first check a pupil can request and is carried out by school who will check if an administrative or procedural error has taken place. The pupil submits a written request which we will talk you through and signs to show their acceptance that the grade could go down as well as up. Additionally, we shall supply you with all the additional information you are entitled to at this stage and explain how to use this.

We shall give you the results of this initial Centre Review where the decision will be one of three options: the grade is raised; the grade is unchanged; or the grade is lowered.

The deadline for requesting a Centre Review is 3 September 2021.

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- Stage 2: Appeal to the Awarding Body

If they are not satisfied with the outcome of the Centre Review, then the pupil can ask us to submit an appeal to the Awarding Body who will check if an administrative or procedural error has taken place. Additionally, the Awarding Body can now consider if the Teacher Assessed Grade is 'reasonable'.

The pupil submits a written request which we will talk you through and signs to show their acceptance that the grade could go down as well as up. We shall inform you of the results of the Awarding Body Appeal, where the decision will be one of three options: the grade is raised, the grade is unchanged or the grade is lowered.

The deadline for submitting an appeal to the Awarding Body is 17 September 2021.

If you do launch an appeal, then we shall ensure that we talk you through the process step by step and keep the process on track against deadlines. For further detail about our process at Blessed Trinity, you can review our Centre Policy which is available on the school website in the Year 11 Area.

I hope that this update has been useful. We are all missing our wonderful Year 11 pupils in school but hope that they are enjoying the chance to finalise their plans for September and look ahead to this next exciting chapter of education, training or employment.

Yours sincerely

Richard Varey (Mr)
Headteacher