

Dear Student/Parent/Carer/Guardian

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING TEACHER ASSESSED GRADES (TAGs)**

Results day has been moved forward this year to 10 August for Level 3 qualifications and 12 August for GCSE and certain vocational qualifications.

Once you have your results, if you want to appeal your grades, you need to speak to your course tutor at college. You will need to complete Stage 1 Centre Review of the Appeals Process. Full details can be found [here](#)

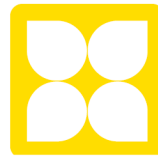
The first thing they'll do is make sure that all of their processes were followed correctly and no errors were made. If they find an error, they will submit a revised grade to the exam board. Remember you can only appeal on the following Grounds:

- **Administrative:** e.g. the wrong grade/mark was recorded
- **Procedural** e.g. a reasonable adjustment/access arrangement was not provided for an eligible student
- **Unreasonable exercise of academic judgement:**  
The choice of evidence from which to determine the grade and/or the determination of that grade from the evidence was unreasonable.

Your tutors can share the following information:

- the sources of evidence that were used to determine your grade along with (and where deemed appropriate by the centre) any grades/marks associated with them. This transparency will allow you to identify any errors or highlight circumstances relating to pieces of evidence
- the centre policy and any supporting documentation
- details of any variations in evidence used based on disruption to what was taught
- details of any special circumstances that have been considered in determining your grade, e.g. access arrangements/reasonable adjustments or mitigating circumstances

Appeals for students waiting on grades for university applications will be prioritised. Please see timeline below for you to appeal your grade:



Learner Deadlines 10 – 16 Aug 2021	<b>Priority Learners*</b> should submit a request for a centre review by 16 August 2021 <b>JCQ Definition:</b> <i>Students applying to higher education who did not attain their firm choice, i.e. the offer they accepted as their first choice, and wish to appeal an A level or other Level 3 qualification result.</i>
Learner Deadlines 10 Aug – 3 Sep 2021	<b>All other Learners</b> by 3 September 2021 for non-priority appeals

If after discussions with your tutor you still want to appeal the grade you've been given, we can submit a formal appeal to the exam board for you - Stage 2 Appeal to the Awarding Organisation. The exam board will check that we have followed our processes and the exam board requirements. They'll also review the evidence we based your grade on and assess whether the grade awarded was a reasonable judgement of your work. If they decide your grade was unreasonable, the exam board will determine the alternative grade and inform us. **Be aware that an appeal could result in your grade going up or down.** The guidance on appeals issued by Ofqual also says that "appeals are not likely to lead to adjustments in grades where the original grade is a reasonable exercise of academic judgement supported by the evidence."

Remember we are here to support, you so please in the first instance contact your Course Tutor if you have any concerns. Meanwhile, we wish you well as you progress onto the next steps of your career either returning to us, gaining employment or progressing into higher education.

Yours sincerely

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