

January 2021

The announcement is made stating that formal exams are cancelled and grades will be based on a variety of assessments and other evidence. We still have a lot of content to cover and Year 11 students are advised to continue to work hard. The country goes into lockdown and mock exams are postponed.

March 2021

Further information is released by JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) giving more detail about how grading will work in 2020. This is summarised in a letter to all Year 11s and their parents. This explains how the process will work, the types of evidence that can be used to support the grades and some early information about appeals. Year 11 students return to school and, after a week to settle in, sit their mock exams.

April & May 2021

A process begins where teachers decide on the best evidence they have so far and what assessments still need to be done to ensure students achieve the grades they deserve. The evidence will include the recent mock exams and possibly other successful work from earlier in the course. New assessments take place for content which has not yet been assessed. Some content is re-taught before being assessed to give students the best chance of being successful. This is explained in another letter and an assembly. All departments take part in standardisation to even out any differences in teacher judgements. This takes place within school and also with partner schools. The school submits its grading policy to JCQ for approval.

Late May 2021

Students are informed of the evidence that has been used to determine their grade in each subject. Subject leaders check grades to ensure they are fair and accurate and the grades are checked again by senior leaders. Any adjustments are made and grades are officially submitted to the exam boards for external quality assurance. The Head of Centre signs a declaration stating that a fair, rigorous and ethical process has been carried out in the best interests of all students.

June 2021

All schools across the country send a sample of student work to be checked by Ofqual (Office for Qualifications and Examinations Regulation). Further checks may be made at random or for other reasons such as a new subject being taught for the first time. If exam boards are concerned that any grades are too lenient or too harsh, they speak to the school any necessary changes are made.

Late June 2021

This process and plans for results day are communicated to students by letter and the school website.

12th August 2021

Students attend school to collect their results. Like every year, the results envelope contains the grades confirmed by the exam boards and information about the appeals processes..

August/September 2021

Students may appeal by asking the school to check no administrative errors were made. If students still disagree with the grade they may ask the school to send the evidence to the exam board for checking. Grades may be kept the same, or adjusted up or down by exam boards.

December 2021

Providing the public health situation allows, students attend Redmoor Academy for the 'Class of 2021 Certificate and Awards Evening' at which the official GCSE certificates will be handed out alongside other awards.