

GCSE Teacher Assessed Grades

How your grade will be determined

- graded by teacher judgement, with grades signed off by your head of department and by the head teacher before being submitted to the exam board
- not graded by an algorithm
- you'll only be assessed on what you've been taught
- your teachers will tell you the evidence they will use to determine your grade
- you will **not be told** what grade has been submitted for you

Evidence - What

- your teachers will assess the standard at which you are performing, but they will only assess you on content you have been taught
- evidence might include work that you have already completed, mock exam results, homework or in-class assessments and tests
- non-exam assessment work (often referred to as coursework) can also be used as evidence, even if it is not fully completed

Evidence

- your teachers and heads of department alone will decide which evidence to use to assess the standard at which you're performing. They will try and use the same sources of evidence for everyone in your class and the evidence will be specific to the subject.
- your teachers will tell you which pieces of work will count towards your grade, before your grade is submitted to the exam board. You will have the opportunity to raise any genuine and valid concerns with your teachers.
- it is really important that you and your parents or carers don't try to put your teachers under pressure to submit grades higher than the evidence supports. Head teachers have been asked to keep records of such cases and exam boards may treat this behaviour as malpractice.

Student declaration - example 1

	Evidence	Marks	Grade
1	English Language: AC3 Language Paper 1 Section A Final assessment - March 2021	30	8
2	English Language: AC3 Language Paper 1 Section B Final assessment - March 2021	28	7
3	English Language: AC3 Language Paper 2 Section A Final assessment - April 2021	25	6

Student declaration - example 2

	Evidence	Marks	Grade
1	English Language: AC3 Language Paper 1 Section A Final assessment - March 2021	14	3-
2	English Language: AC3 Language Paper 1 Section B Final assessment - March 2021	21	4+
3	English Language: AC3 Language Paper 2 Section A Final assessment - April 2021	13	2+

Appeals

- every year there are students who are disappointed with the grades they achieve. If you're disappointed with your grade you might consider whether you could sit the exams in the autumn series to improve your grade.
- if you are concerned that the grade you have received is wrong, there is an appeals process. If you appeal, your grade could **go up**, **down**, or **stay the same**. The deadline for submitting an appeal is **17 September**.

The appeals process

1 If you think your grade is wrong, you should first ask your school to check whether they made a mistake in determining or submitting the grade.

2 If they identify a mistake, your school can submit a revised grade to the exam board to consider.

3 If they don't identify an error but you still believe that your grade is wrong, you can ask your school to submit a formal appeal to the exam board for you. You can appeal for any of the following reasons:

- there was an error in the way the school followed or applied its procedure for determining your teacher assessed grade
- the school did not make a reasonable judgement when deciding which evidence to use to determine your teacher assessed grade
- the school did not make a reasonable judgement about your grade based on the evidence gathered

The appeals process

4 The exam board will consider whether your school followed its written process, and review the evidence your grade was based on.

5 The exam board will consider if your grade needs correcting. They may do this if they believe your grade is not a reasonable judgement or they find a mistake in the procedure which affected your grade. A corrected grade could be **higher** or **lower** than the grade you were given on results day.

6 The final route of appeal is Ofqual's Exam Procedure Review Service (EPRS). You can apply to EPRS if the exam board decides that the grade you were awarded is reasonable, and your school correctly followed its procedure, but you are still concerned that there may have been an error in the procedure used by the exam board to conduct the appeal. The EPRS can consider whether the exam board has followed its rules and procedures. It will not consider whether you got the right grade based on the evidence of your work. The exam board's final decision on your grade will stand unless the EPRS finds that the exam board made an error in its review procedure. ***Even if an error is found, your grade may stay the same.***



Important things to remember

- teachers will share with you which pieces of work they will base their judgements on before they submit your grades to the exam board
- school will carry out multiple checks on your grades. Exam boards will check your school's approach and will be checking a sample of grades across the system
- the appeal questions whether the original decision was a reasonable one, and not whether other reasonable decisions could have been made
- a grade will only be changed if there was an error when determining or submitting the grade, or if the grade given could not have reasonably been reached based on the evidence presented

Important things to remember

- the appeals arrangements will provide an important safety net if there is clear evidence something went wrong when a grade was determined
- when your appeal is submitted, you will need to explain why you think your result was incorrect and should be changed
- if you appeal, your grade can go up, down or stay the same