



Summer 2020 exam result changes: what you need to know

Centre Assessed grades will now be used for GCSEs, AS-levels and A-levels in England, following a government U-turn.

What's changing?

- Originally, your teachers put together a set of predicted grades that were given to the exam regulator, Ofqual
 - Ofqual put these through an algorithm to create moderated grades. Often the grades created by the algorithm were lower than the ones predicted by your teachers. These are the results AS-levels and A-levels students were given on Thursday 13th August
 - Now, you will get the original grades predicted by your teachers – unless the moderated grades are higher
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When will we get our results?

- **For GCSE pupils**, we will tell you your teacher predicted grades on Thursday 20th August, these will be on a printed piece of paper in your results envelope. This is likely to be your official result, but we won't know for sure until the following week
 - **For GCSE pupils**, you will get your **official** result the following week (as there may be rare cases where the Ofqual grade is higher than your teacher predicted grade)
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What happens if my Ofqual grade was higher?

- You will keep whichever grade is higher
 - **Your results can't go down as a result of this change, they can only go up**
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Can we still appeal?

- You should still be able to appeal as you would for any normal results, for example if an error has been made during the process. If you wish to appeal you should contact Mrs Rigden so that when we have the guidance we can start the process.
- The school will make appeals on your behalf – individual pupils or parents can't make appeals themselves
- You won't be able to appeal based on your mock grade (this was part of the "triple lock" system which was announced before this change – this is no longer in place)

- There should be more information to come on appeals. We don't yet know if you'll be able to appeal your teacher predicted grades. We'll update you as soon as we know more

What about autumn exams?

- As far as we know, you'll still have the opportunity to sit exams in autumn 2020 if we enter you for them. You need to let Mrs Rigden know as soon as possible if you want to re-sit.
- We'll update you as soon as we know more

Why has this happened now and not last week?

- Gavin Williamson (the Education Secretary) said that the scale of these issues only became "absolutely apparent" over the weekend, which led to this change of plan
- Both he and Ofqual have apologised for the distress and uncertainty the situation has created
- We know this has been extremely difficult for our pupils and their families, and we're doing everything we can to support you during this stressful time
- If you have a question that this factsheet hasn't answered, please contact Mrs Rigden via email at rigdenc@hartsdown.org and we'll do all we can to help

What about vocational and technical qualifications?

- The situation for BTEC grades has changed this evening, as I write this! Pearson have just issued a statement to schools and we have been informed that BTEC grades are now also being reviewed in line with Ofqual's review of GCSE grades, so unfortunately your overall final BTEC grade is not yet available.
- The overall final BTEC grade will be based on a range of information. Students will have completed some units of their BTECs and achieved unit grades verified by the exam board where these units were already completed. Some of these units will have been coursework based (internally assessed) and some were externally assessed by examination. For those internally assessed units that students had not yet completed, schools were asked to submit Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs). For the external units not yet sat, grades were originally calculated by the exam board and it is these grades that are now under review.
- We will inform you as soon as we have more news on your final BTEC grades.



Cambridge Nationals:

These results have not yet been published. In your results envelope we have included your CAG and we understand that the same process as GCSE grades will also be followed. Should the calculated grade be higher than your CAG, we will inform you when these arrive

Sources

All information is correct as of 10am Tuesday 18 August and updated regarding BTEC grades on the 19th August.



[GCSE and A level students to receive centre assessment grades](#), GOV.UK – DfE



[Statement from Roger Taylor, Chair, Ofqual](#), GOV.UK – Ofqual



[What do the U-turns on exam results mean for the UK's students?](#), The Guardian



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