

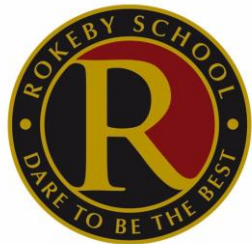


GCSE / BTEC Grades 2021

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when you stop
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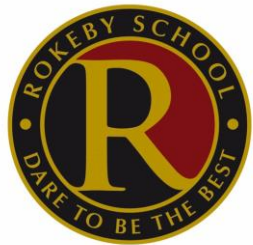
—Albert Einstein

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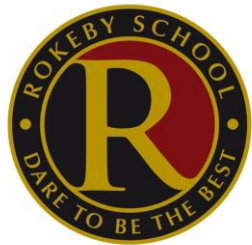
What we know

- GCSE / BTEC grades will be recommended by teachers based **on a broad range of evidence**
- We will **tell you** what that evidence is and it will be fair and allow for situations where you may have missed work due to lockdowns or illness
- All our grades will be **quality assured**. This means we will have your evidence marked by other teachers and staff from other schools
- GCSE / BTEC grades will be **awarded by the exam boards** after they have quality assured our grades.
- Results will be released to students on **Thursday 12th August 2021**.



Your Evidence Portfolio

- GCSE / BTEC grades will be based on evidence. Teachers can only recommend grades based on the evidence **in front of them**.
- Each subject will tell you what **assignments** you need to complete to achieve your best GCSE grade.
- We will keep a copy of all the evidence as a **record** for the exam board
- You will be completing one set of assessments during the week of **22nd March 2021**.
- We will issue your parents / carers with a Achievement Card afterwards with a one grade range. This will be based on all the evidence available to this point.



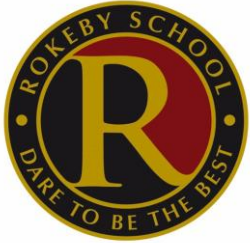
Your Evidence Portfolio

- The evidence will cover what we have taught / will teach you.
- We will share the **last day for submission** once the exam boards have confirmed their requirements for each subject.
- We will tell you if you have **incomplete assignments**.
- Evidence from Year 10 & Year 11 will only be used if it **supports you**.
- We **can not tell** you the overall grade we will be submitting to the exam board.
- Students must declare that the work is their **own**.



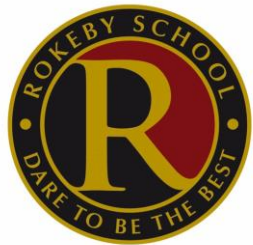
How we will award you grade and how will it be quality assured?

- Exam boards will carry out **quality assurance** for each subject in all schools to ensure we are grading assignments accurately. They will want to ensure judgments are not too harsh or lenient.
- We will also work with other schools to **standardise our grading**. This means some of you will have your work reviewed by other teachers.
- Ofqual will conduct **quality assurance** at a sample of schools to ensure the grades awarded are standardised across all schools.



DON'T
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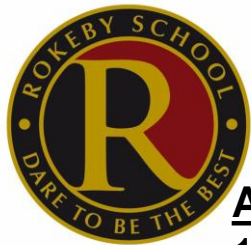
- We will **mark work** using exam board mark schemes, exemplar answers and grading guidance.
- Grades submitted to the exam board will only be agreed after they have completed the **quality assurance**.
- Head of Centre: Ms Robinson will **submit a declaration** to the exam boards confirming that all internal quality assurance standards have been met and we have covered **sufficient content** to enable progress to post 16 courses.



Results Day - 12th August 2021

Result will be released by email (LGFL email account) on **Thursday 12 August**.

We will provide further details before you finish Year 11.

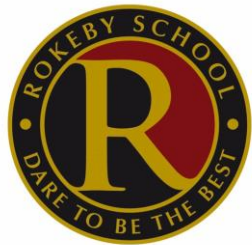


Appeals

Appeals can be made on two criteria

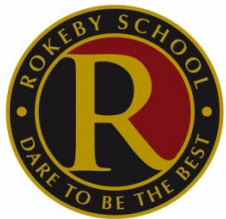
- 1: If the student believes the school made an **administration error**. If the school finds an error, a revised grade and rationale is submitted to the exam board.
- 2: If the student believes that the grade awarded is **not reflective** of the evidence portfolio.

- Appeals will be judged by the exam boards.
- Exam boards will judge whether the grade recommended is a **'reasonable exercise of academic judgment'**. The exam board will request **your portfolio** and review it to see if they agree with the grade recommended. They will only revise the grade where they find that the evidence does not reasonably support the judgment made. It will not revise grades based on **'marginal difference of opinion'**.
- Grades can be changed **down** by the exam boards. There is no triple lock this year, the lower grade will be the one awarded.



What now

- **Work hard.** All the work you complete for the rest of Year 11 can and will affect your grade.
- **Understand** what evidence is needed and ensure it is completed. Aim for the highest grade and complete extension work and catch up on incomplete work.
- **Ask questions** and do not go home worried as we are here to help you achieve your best grade.
- Be **proud** of your work and achievements



How vocational and technical qualifications will be awarded in 2021



Qualifications most similar to GCSEs and A levels

e.g. BTECs and OCR Cambridge Technicals



Taken only in schools or colleges



Do not assess occupational skills

Qualifications not similar to GCSEs or A levels

e.g. Functional skills and ESOL Skills for Life



Taken in schools, colleges or other places



Do not assess occupational skills

Qualifications with occupational skills or proficiency assessments

e.g. construction, plumbing and electrical qualifications



Taken in schools, colleges or other places



Assess occupational skills

Your results



Graded by teacher or lecturer judgement



Various sources of evidence used



Results no later than for GCSEs and A levels

Your results



Assessments should continue where possible



May be awarded using other evidence or judgements



Awarding organisations decide the evidence needed

Your results



Assessments can continue as normal where possible



Assessments may be delayed



Assessments can be adapted if needed

Visit www.gov.uk/ofqual or search 'Ofqual 2021 qualification explainer tool' for specific details (coming soon)

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You have brains in
your head. You have
feet in your shoes.

You can steer
yourself **ANY**
direction you choose.

-Dr. Seuss

