

Dear parent/carer

Re: Teacher assessed grades Summer 2021

Following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the UK government decided that the Summer 2021 examination series would not go ahead as planned.

How were child's grades arrived at this year?

Grades this summer were based on Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). TAGs were submitted to the exam boards by us as a holistic assessment of students' performance in a subject, following a rigorous process of assessment, moderation and quality assurance.

These grades were then approved by the relevant exam board, following external quality assurance checks.

In some cases, the TAGs we submitted may have been reviewed by the exam board, who may have asked us to submit an alternative grade. However, any changes to the grades we submitted were done by professional teachers or reviewers; this year no grades have been changed as a result of an algorithm.

The internal Teacher assessed grades process

The professional judgement of teachers was only be based on what your child has been taught. Teachers used a range of evidence that will produce an overall picture of your child's performance across the course of study to make their decision.

Teachers assessed your child based on:

- Performance on the content that has been taught over the entire course of your studies.
- Non-exam assessment, often referred to as coursework or internal assessments, even if it is not fully completed.
- Classwork.
- Homework.
- Internal topic tests.
- Mock exams.

Teachers also had the option to use assessment materials provided by the exam boards. Importantly, these tests are not formal exams, nor are they designed to play the role of exams. Teachers will not be able to tell you the grade they have submitted to the exam board.

Once a teacher has determined your child's grade, it will be quality assured by the school's data and senior management teams ensuring determined consistently with the school's policy. Exam boards will check these policies to make sure they meet their requirements

Figure 2: Summary detailing how GCSE, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021

How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021

Working out your grade

- Graded by teacher judgement
- Not graded by an algorithm
- School and college assessments can continue
- You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught
- Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you
- Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded

Evidence

- Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence
- Non-exam assessment should continue
- Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete
- Art & design grade based only on your portfolio
- Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to
- Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best

Results and appeals

Results days
 AS and A level 10 August
 GCSE 12 August

If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.

You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website

www.gov.uk/ofqual

Results day

AS and A Level student will receive their results on Tuesday 10 August 2021. GCSE students will receive their results on Thursday 12 August 2021. You will be sent a statement of result via email.

What do I do if I'm not happy with my child's grade?

All students have the opportunity to appeal their grade. It is important to note that an appeal may result in a grade being lowered, staying the same, or going up. So, if a student puts in an appeal and their grade is lowered, they will receive the lower mark.

Please send an email to Tope.Anjorin@globalacademy.com. I will be happy to discuss the appeals process with you.

Many thanks

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