

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?

UAL and A Level 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, including their Y12 grade, following a rigorous process of assessment, moderation and quality assurance.

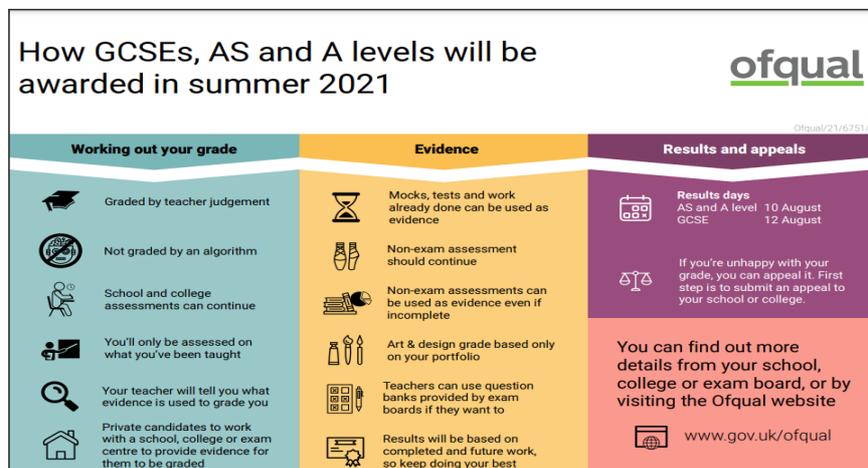
These grades were then approved by the relevant exam board, following external quality assurance checks.

The internal Teacher assessed grades process

The professional judgement of teachers was only be based on what your child has been taught or produced. 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 will not be able to tell you the grade they have submitted to the exam board at this moment.

Once a teacher has determined your child’s grade, it will be quality assured by the school’s data and Senior Management Team 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 (the same context refers to UAL Awarding Body qualifications)



Results day

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

UCAS and University Decisions

UCAS receives your child's UAL (and A-level) results directly and will update Track accordingly - typically around 8am. As the system will be busy with students across the UK keen to find out if they've received offers – you may need to refresh and wait a few moments for the system to upload.

If you don't receive your firm or insurance offer – you can apply for another University via 'Clearing' which will open up in your child's UCAS Track from 3pm. Please contact Jonathan.Jacob@globalacademy.com for any further advice or guidance re: UCAS or University options.

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 who will be happy to discuss the appeals process with you.

Many thanks

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