

Frequently asked questions for students (FAQs) - RESULTS DAY 2020

Will my results carry the same weight as results in previous and future years?	Your grades will have equal status to the grades awarded in other years and will be treated in this way by universities, colleges and employers.
How did the school come up with my grades?	<p>The school followed the guidance provided by Ofqual. Using all the available evidence, teachers of each subject ranked all the students in that subject and determined the most likely grades students would have achieved had the school remained open and examinations taken.</p> <p>This process was not done by one teacher alone but always involved other teachers in the subject. Therefore, every grade has had the input of two or more teachers as well as quality assurance checks by the senior leadership team.</p> <p>The exam boards then did their own calculations based on how students have performed in the past. Their processes make sure that the results for this year are fair for all students and are not higher or lower than previous years.</p>
Can I appeal my grades if I think my grades are lower than what I expect?	<p>It is not unusual for some students to expect higher grades after GCSEs or A levels. This is normal. However, for this year, schools can only appeal grades on one of two conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If the school finds out that it has made a mistake, or if it believes the exam board has made a mistake. This will be the case if the wrong grade was entered onto a computer by mistake.2. If the student has evidence that their grades are lower because of discrimination or bias. <p>Besides these two conditions above, Ofqual is confident that the grades awarded would reflect the grades students would have most likely achieved had schools remained open and exams taken.</p>
What if I'm still not happy with my grades?	<p>Ofqual has stated that students who are not happy with the calculated grade have the option of taking the exams in Oct/Nov 2020 or in June 2021.</p> <p>The results achieved in these actual exams will be the final grade, even if they are lower. Please speak to your subject teacher first before considering taking an Oct/Nov exam.</p>
When can I decide to retake an exam?	You do not need to make any decisions immediately. We will be accepting entry for the Oct/Nov exams towards the end of September.