

## **Results days August 2021**

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August – A level Results and other Level 3 qualifications**

Students can collect results from **8:30am to 11am**. 8:30 is the earliest schools and colleges are allowed to release results, and coincides with the UCAS helpdesk opening time.

Signs will direct students to the location of results collection, which will be in the 6th form College building.

Lots of subject staff, senior leaders, and our Head of 6th form Mr. Fu will be on hand for help and advice.

### **Thursday 12th August – GCSE results and Sixth Form Enrolment Day**

Students can collect results from **9am to 2pm**

Students will follow a one-way system through the Sixth Form entrance, along the social area and up stairs. Staff will show you where to go from the top of the stairs towards SF1 and SF2. Students will exit through the study area, submitting enrollment forms enroute.

#### **Sixth Form Help and Advice**

1. Faculty representatives will be available to discuss options with students that have not met the entry requirements. A signature from the faculty representative must be obtained for a student to enrol on a course **without** the entry requirements.
2. Details of the induction day on Monday 6th September will be in the results envelope.
3. Any student who has not enrolled on Results Day will need a meeting with Mr. Fu on Thursday 2nd September when they will be able to enrol.

#### **Appeals - What if you think a grade is wrong?**

If you believe that an error has been made in determining your grade, you will have a right to appeal. There are two stages to this called 1) A Centre Review, and 2) An appeal to the Awarding Organisation.

If a student thinks an error has been made in their grade, an appeals system will be in place as a safety net for exceptional circumstances, and to fix any genuine errors that were not identified earlier in the process.

Here are answers to student questions, adapted from guidance issued by the Department for Education.

#### **What can I do if I think there has been an error with my grade?**

If you think a grade is incorrect when you receive your results, speak to your school or college in the first instance and request a centre review – an internal review by your school or college - so they can check for any errors.

If you still think your grade is incorrect after your school or college has checked it, you can ask them to appeal to the exam board. You should be aware that on appeal, grades could go up, down, or stay the same and the exam board's decision will be final.

You should consider carefully if appealing is the right course of action for you. An appeal will only be successful if either an error is found or the grade awarded or the selection of evidence are found to be an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement.

The exam boards will not be able to consider appeals that are based solely on differences of opinion. If you want to improve your grade you might want to consider entering for the autumn exam series.

### **If I think there has been an error and want to appeal my grade, do I do that with my school or college or exam board?**

You should raise any request with your school or college who have been encouraged to support students and follow the process that your school or college has defined.

Your school or college will conduct a centre review to check if there were any administrative errors when the grade was submitted and to check they have followed their procedures correctly. If you still think your grade has been awarded in error after the result of the centre review, your school or college must submit an appeal to the exam board on your behalf, if you ask them to do so.

The exam board will carry out an independent review of the process followed and whether the overall grade awarded was a reasonable exercise of academic judgement based on the evidence or if the selection of evidence used was a reasonable exercise of academic judgement.

In some cases, the exam board may need to ask your school or college to reassess your grade or the evidence that was used in determining your grade.

Once the review is complete, the exam board will decide a final grade for you. If the final grade is lower than the original teacher assessed grade, it will go down. If the result is higher, it will go up. Once the final grade has been issued after the review, it will be final.

### **What might happen to my grade during the centre review and appeals process?**

If you request a centre review or an exam board appeal, there are a range of possible outcomes:

Your original grade is changed, so your final grade will be different than the original grade you received. Your grade can go up or down.

Your original grade is confirmed, so there is no change to your grade.

Once a finding has been made you cannot withdraw your request for a centre review or appeal. If your grade has been lowered, you will not be able to revert back to the original grade you received on results day.

## When do I need to submit my request?

There are priority and non-priority appeal routes. Priority appeals are only for students applying to higher education who did not attain their firm choice (i.e. the offer they accepted as their first choice) and wish to appeal an A level or other Level 3 qualification result. All other appeals must follow the non -priority route.

You should submit a request for a centre review by **16 August 2021** for a priority appeal, or by **3 September 2021** for non-priority appeals.

Once you have received the outcome of your centre review, if you wish to request an awarding organisation appeal you should do so as soon as possible. Your school or college will submit this on your behalf.

Schools and colleges submitting requests for awarding organisation appeals on behalf of students should do so by 23 August for a priority appeal and 17 September for non-priority appeals.

## How will this affect my university or college place?

If you have not met the conditions of your firm choice on a higher education course you are eligible for a priority appeal and will need to submit your request for a centre review by 16 August. It is important that you submit your request for a centre review before this deadline to enable this process to happen swiftly.

UCAS has encouraged HE providers to move their advisory deadline to 8 September, giving students additional time to meet the academic terms of their offer. Students who do decide to appeal, should contact their preferred higher education provider to make them aware.

The process for these stages, including relevant forms and timelines can all be found on the school website in an area we have set up called Results Day and Appeals Information.

At both stages of the process you will need to submit your appeal to your school and give them your written consent to conduct the appeal or submit it to the exam board on your behalf.

***It's important to remember that your grade can go down, up, or stay the same through either stage of the process.***

The timelines for priority and non-priority appeals will be as follows:

### Priority appeals

**10 August to 7 September:** priority appeals window

**10 August to 16 August:** student requests centre review

**10 August to 20 August:** centre conducts centre review

**11 August to 23 August:** centre submits appeal to exam board

**10 August to end October:** majority of non-priority appeals take place

**10 August to 3 September:** student requests centre review

**10 August to 10 September:** centre conducts centre review

**11 August to 17 September:** centre submits appeal to exam board