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# Summer Exam Results 2020

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OfQual confirmed on 17 August 2020 that “students will be awarded their centre assessment grades for this summer - that is, the grade their school estimated was the grade they would most likely have achieved in their exam - or the moderated grade, whichever is higher.”

We awarded Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs) in the summer term for all GCSEs, A levels and some applied subjects (see below).

To award the CAGs, the school went through a rigorous process where grades were checked and moderated internally in several stages. The grades in all subjects were awarded by looking at all of the assessment information throughout the duration of the course, mock examinations, student classwork and homework, and asking for input from all the subject teachers. CAGs were then checked overall by the Head of Department and the Senior Leadership Team, before they were sent to the examination boards.

## Year 13 results

We have sent out the Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs) where relevant to all Year 13 leavers, which we understand will be confirmed in due course by the exam boards as your final grades. Year 13 leavers can use this document should they need to contact universities and other third parties regarding applications.

If your grades have improved and this has made a significant difference to your situation for university applications or similar, we suggest that you contact the university now to discuss your situation. Any year 13 leaver who still needs advice or support after this discussion should contact the Sixth Form team at [dhogg@stedmunds.org](mailto:dhogg@stedmunds.org)



## Year 11 results

We have sent out the Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs) where relevant to all Year 11 students, which we understand will be confirmed in due course by the exam boards as your final grades (we are awaiting BTEC and Cambridge Nationals). Year 11 leavers can use this document should they need to contact Colleges and other third parties regarding applications.

If anyone has any questions relating to St Edmund's Catholic Academy Sixth Form following on from the publication of GCSE results, please contact [htoor@stedmunds.org](mailto:htoor@stedmunds.org) and a member of the Sixth Form Team will respond as soon as possible. If you have any questions relating to alternative pathways, including further education or work-based training, please contact [dhogg@stedmunds.org](mailto:dhogg@stedmunds.org) who will get back to you at the first opportunity.

## Applied Subjects

For students studying Applied Subjects, please note that in many cases the exam board did not request a CAG from schools and used other existing information such as coursework unit and exam unit grades to award the final grade. There is therefore no CAG for most Applied subjects.

CAGs were submitted to the board for Cambridge Nationals (Level 2),

Please note that Pearson, the exam board for BTECs, have delayed issuing final results for Level 2 BTECs whilst they decide whether to raise them in a similar fashion to GCSE and A level results. Pearson did not request CAGs from schools so unfortunately, we are unable to give you an estimate of what the grades will be.

This affects the following Year 11 BTEC subjects:

- Health and Social Care
- Enterprise (Business)
- Music

It also may mean that some grades in the following Year 13 BTEC subjects will be revised upwards:

- Health and Social Care
- Business
- Applied Law



We will share further information with you as soon as we receive it.

## Appeals

**We are still awaiting updates nationally about how, if at all, the appeals process will change following this week's changes in government policy. This section is subject to change.**

As exam papers were not taken this year, OfQual has confirmed that the usual ways for students to appeal their results do not apply this year, for example requesting a remark of a paper.

You cannot make an appeal if you disagree with your Centre Assessment Grades and/or your final result (which will be your CAG or higher). If you feel you would have got a better result if you had taken your exams please see the section below on Autumn examinations. If you have evidence of bias or discrimination *at St Edmund's Catholic Academy* which you feel may have disadvantaged you in the centre assessment grade process, you should raise this with. Please submit all evidence in a written format, with as much detail as possible to support your appeal and send to [jbrooker@stedmunds.org](mailto:jbrooker@stedmunds.org) no later than 2nd September 2020.

The school will appeal results if we believe an error has been made when submitting information to the board. All information was checked by subject teachers, Heads of Department, the Senior Leadership Team and then lastly by two members of staff for any clerical errors, before confirming to the boards. We therefore believe the chances of error are extremely small.

The school will also appeal if we believe an exam board made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade. The school will check all results when published and make decisions about which, if any, results we think need appealing. We will contact any student who is affected.



## Autumn Exam Series

### Key Dates:

**Please note that the details of the Autumn exam series are still being consulted on nationally, and the details in this section are subject to change.**

Ofqual has confirmed that for any student who missed sitting exams in the summer, there is an option to sit exams in the Autumn. Students may choose to sit exams if they feel they could achieve a better result than that awarded in August.

Students will not have to sit exams in all subjects in the autumn. If a student wishes to take exams in a particular subject in the autumn, they will need to take all the exam papers in that subject. The format of exam papers in the autumn series will be the same as those usually offered in the summer. However, in most subjects the grade will be awarded only from the examination, and will not include coursework or NEA work. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to offer any tuition or revision classes for any student who is sitting Autumn exams.

Students may have wanted better grades to help support applications to external colleges or universities in September. Unfortunately, it is clear that results will not be available in time for this. Please note that this is a national issue and the indications are that colleges and universities will be very sympathetic to students who have only just missed the grades on their offer. We strongly recommend you contact the institution to which you are applying, to check if they will accept your awarded grades, before deciding whether it is worth entering, revising and taking exams in the Autumn.

If you would like to take exams in any of your subjects, entries will open a week after you received your results. **We strongly recommend you take advice** from parents, the institution you have applied to for this year (including us if you are entering St Edmund's Catholic Academy Sixth Form) and possibly a careers advisor **before deciding whether it is worth entering for Autumn exams.**

