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Summer 2020 exam results: What you need to know

Please find information regarding your GCSE results and the Government's announcement relating to grades.

If you have any concerns or queries relating to your GCSE results or wish to contact a member of staff please email GCSEexamresults2020@Bucklersmeadacademy.com where someone will be available to answer and respond to inquiries. Please be advised that the main reception phone lines will not be open until our first day of the new academic year – Monday 7 September 2020.

Publication of Results

- The Grades **published on Thursday 20 August 2020** will be your **final result**.
- This Grade has come from either the **Centre Assessed Grade** issued by the academy **OR** the **Standardised Grade** calculated by the Exam Boards and Ofqual.
- Students have been awarded the **highest out of the two grades generated**. This will be their final GCSE Result.

Appeals

- You may still be able to appeal as you would for any normal results. Ofqual have published documentation outlining how appeals and inquiries can be undertaken. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/909525/Information_for_students_about_malpractice_20200814_1218_-_access.pdf
- The academy will make appeals on your behalf – individual students or parents can't make appeals themselves.
- If you feel that you have grounds to make an appeal or wish to discuss the results further, please make contact via GCSEExamResults2020@Bucklersmeadacademy.com detailed above. We will be happy to provide you with guidance and further information to assist you with this.
- You won't be able to appeal based on your mock grade announced last week (this was part of the "triple lock" system which was announced before this change – this is no longer in place)
- We advise that any appeal submitted should also be accompanied by a request to be entered for Autumn Re-sit examinations. Appeals are not guaranteed to be successful and a re-sit may be necessary to achieve the grade you need.
- We are expecting further information on appeals. We will update you as soon as we know more.



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Autumn Exams

- As far as we know, you will still have the opportunity to sit exams in autumn 2020. We are working with local colleges and sixth forms regarding arrangements and venue for re-sits. Please contact GCSEExamResults2020@Bucklersmeadacademy.com if you wish to make any further inquiries regarding resits.
- We advise that you contact your Post 16 option provider and seek their guidance regarding re-sitting exams in the autumn to inform your decision.
- We will update you as soon as we know more regarding arrangements for re-sits.

What about vocational and technical qualifications?

- Most grades for BTECs **won't** be affected by the government's announcement on Monday.
- This is because most of these grades were not calculated using the kind of algorithm used for GCSEs and A-levels.
- BTEC grades have been based on internal school assessments, grades for completed units and estimated grades for incomplete units. These were moderated by the exam board in a similar process to previous years.
- Please be advised that the result for students who have studied the **OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Information Technologies** is **provisional**. Final grades for these will be published late next week.

Centre Assessed Grades

In most cases, students will be awarded the Centre Assessed Grade issued by the academy. The following process was undertaken:

- All teachers read the Ofqual guidance for the award of grades. We have also consulted with and followed the guidance given by external agencies before starting the process.
- In compliance with Ofqual guidance teachers were asked to make a realistic judgement of the grade each student would have been most likely to get if they had taken their exam(s) in a subject. All judgements were based on evidence which could be called upon, scrutinised and shared to establish the validity of our judgements.
- Teachers were asked to base their judgement on the following evidence - Teacher Predictions in Year 10 and 11; Working at grades in Years 10 and 11 informed by class assessments; Mock exam results including the percentages, raw scores and proximity to grade boundaries; an average working at grade and prediction over 2 years and results/marks from coursework where applicable.
- Teachers were also asked to take into account a student's bookwork, homework, or marks in practice exam questions/papers which demonstrated **strong and sustained evidence of students' performance at a certain level to support a grade judgement**.
- Teachers were asked to look at the data as a whole and not base judgements solely on mock exam performance. Similarly, teachers were asked to take into account any issues that may have had an adverse effect on a student's performance in mocks or assessments.
- All grades were checked by the Heads of Department before undergoing further checks by the Senior Leadership team and the Headteacher before submission.
- The grades provided were also sent to Fischer Family Trust to check that our internal standardisation and moderation was consistent and fair.

Websites for Further Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/your-results-what-next>

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/summer-results>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-for-you/results-for-students.html>