

Candidate Confirmation: How grades will be awarded in Summer 2021

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This completed form **must** be returned to **Mrs Parsons** by **4th May 2021**

I confirm I have been made aware of relevant guidance intended for candidates who will be awarded grades in summer 2021, including: (Please tick each box to confirm each statement)

- the Joint Council for Qualifications^{CIC} (JCQ) document [Guidance for students, parents and guardians: GCSEs and AS/A Levels in England Summer 2021](http://www.jcq.org.uk/summer-2021-arrangements/) (published here www.jcq.org.uk/summer-2021-arrangements/)

I confirm my understanding specifically includes the following:

- What is happening, and when
- How candidates will be assessed
- That subject teachers will initially determine the grades, which will then be reviewed by other teachers in the school and in the Trust, so grades are determined consistently with the school's policy. Awarding bodies (exam boards) will check this policy to make sure it meets their requirements
- The professional judgement of teachers will only be based on what candidates have been taught and teachers will use a range of evidence from across the course of study to make their decision
- This evidence may include pieces of work that have already been completed/partially completed and/or further tests/assessments that will be set
- The range of evidence that teachers use to inform grades will be consistent across each class or cohort for each qualification. However, the school may decide that a different range of evidence may be more appropriate to fairly inform a grade, if, for example, a candidate has missed significantly more teaching than others in the class
- Where a candidate has been granted approved access arrangements/reasonable adjustments the school should ensure that these were/are in place when evidence was/is being gathered. Where appropriate reasonable adjustments were not in place when the candidate took an assessment that is being used as evidence, the teacher should take that into account when determining the candidate's grade or the school/college could also consider whether other evidence could be used instead
- Teachers will tell candidates which pieces of work will be used as evidence to inform their overall grade for each subject that candidates have been entered for. Candidates will have the opportunity to raise any concerns about the evidence being used, for example, if the evidence was affected by personal circumstances, such as illness. Teachers will make the final judgement about what evidence is to be included - this is not a negotiation. Teachers will not be able to tell candidates the grades they will be submitting to the awarding bodies (exam boards)
- When candidates will receive their grades results from the relevant awarding body (exam board)
- After results have been received, there will be an appeals system as a safety net to fix any genuine errors that were not identified earlier in the determination of grades process

If you do not understand/feel unable to confirm the above, feel unable to sign the confirmation etc. or if you have any questions about how your personal circumstances will be taken into account or want to raise anything with the school, you must speak to Mrs Walker as a matter of urgency and not wait until after you get your results.

By signing here, I am confirming my awareness and understanding of how grades will be awarded this summer

Candidate Signature:

Date of signature:

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Candidate Confirmation form template (Summer 2021)

Candidate Confirmation: How my grades have been determined and will be awarded in Summer 2021

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This completed form **must** be returned to **Mrs Parsons** by **24th May 2021**

I confirm that the following has taken place: (Please tick each box to confirm each statement)

- I have been given an explanation of how my grades will be determined in summer 2021
- I have a full understanding of the process undertaken by my school which is line with Ofqual, JCQ and awarding body (exam board) requirements
- The professional judgement of teachers has been based on what I have been taught
- My teachers have used a range of evidence from across the course of study to make their decision
- My teachers have informed me of the pieces of work which have been used as evidence to inform my overall grade for each subject for which I am entered
- (Only tick this box where you have approved access arrangements/reasonable adjustments) Where I have been granted any approved access arrangements/reasonable adjustments my school has ensured that these were in place when evidence was gathered. Where appropriate reasonable adjustments were not in place when I took an assessment that is being used as evidence, my teacher took this into account when determining my grade or considered alternative evidence
- I have had the opportunity to raise any concerns about the evidence being used with my teacher, where for example, the evidence was affected by my personal circumstances, such as illness (Any discussion I had with my teacher about mitigating circumstances which may warrant special consideration were recorded/noted by my teacher)
- My teachers have made the final judgement about the evidence used to determine my grades. Negotiation has not taken place between myself/my parent/carer/guardian and my teachers
- After my teacher determined my grade in a subject it was reviewed by other teachers in my school. Therefore, grades were determined consistently with my school's policy
- My teachers or any other members of school staff have not informed me of the grades they have submitted/will be submitting to the awarding body (exam board)
- I have been informed of the date(s) and process for receiving my grades (results) from the relevant awarding body (exam board)
- I have been made aware that if I believe a genuine error has been made in determining my grade, I will have a right to appeal through my school who will provide specific details of the two stage process at that point

By signing here, I am confirming my awareness and understanding of how my grades have been determined and will be awarded to me this summer

Candidate Signature:

Date of signature:

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