



20th August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers/Students

RE: GCSE and BTEC Level 1 and 2 Results

Please see below important information on your qualification outcomes. Exam boards have awarded the highest result out of your Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs) or your Calculated Grade, and only **the highest grade shows on your results.**

The allocation of GCSE results this summer has been conducted by the examination boards and Ofqual using the following process:

- Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) – these were collected from schools in June 2020 using the process outlined below.
- Calculated Grades – a statistical analysis of CAGs was then applied and, where teachers had been deemed to be too harsh, there was moderation upwards of such grades.

What is a Centre Assessed Grade?

For each GCSE subject, schools were asked by the Department for Education (DfE) to submit the grade estimate which they believed you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned. Schools were asked to consider a range of things like your classwork and homework, your results in assignments and any mock exams, any non-examined assessment or coursework you might have done, and your general progress during your course when allocating these grades.

At St Peter and St Paul, part of the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust, the following steps were taken to make sure CAGs were as robust as possible, in line with guidance from the DfE and Ofqual: (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>):

- Teachers worked together in departments to review a wide range of information for every student in every subject.
- For tiered subjects, CAGs should reflect each student's tier of entry (grade 9 to 3 for higher tier and grade 5 to 1 for foundation tier).
- Internal moderation took place within subject areas.
- Further moderation took place across the whole school, led by Senior Leaders.

- Leaders from across our Trust worked together to ensure consistency of approach in allocating CAGs.
- Nationally available information was used to help with the moderation process.

What is a Calculated Grade?

These grades have been produced by examination boards. They use information from the school (including your CAG) and other information available nationally to estimate what grade you might have attained if you had taken your examinations. This grade has only been awarded if it is higher than your CAG.

BTECs and other vocational qualifications

Exam boards hold a range of information about the work students have completed as part of their BTEC or other vocational qualifications. Teachers also submitted some Centre Assessed information as part of the estimate and this information has been used to generate your final award.

Appeals

At the time of writing, Ofqual are due to publish their final information on appeals. Students can ask the academy to check whether it made an administrative error when submitting their CAG to the exam board. Appeals against CAGs, however, are *not expected* to be allowed under Ofqual guidance.

Autumn Examination Series

Students who feel that their highest awarded grade in a particular subject does not accurately reflect the grade they would have achieved under normal examination conditions may apply to sit examinations during the autumn examination series.

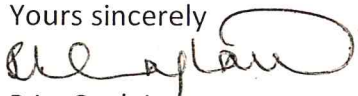
The autumn examinations information published by JCQ is:

- GCSE examinations start on Monday 2nd November and finish on Monday 23rd November
- Deadlines for entries:
 - GCSE (except English Language and Mathematics) – 18th September
 - GCSE (English Language and Mathematics) – 4th October

If you would like to take a qualification in the autumn series you will need to complete an exam entry form by speaking to the Exams Officer.

Please do get in contact with us if you have any concerns at all about your qualifications and next steps.

Yours sincerely



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