

Dear Y11 Student, Parent or Guardian,

You will have now received your GCSE or equivalent results. Congratulations! It has been a difficult year with many disruptions and your grade is a reflection on all the hard work you put in.

As you know, exams this year were cancelled by the government in January and replaced by a process of Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) in order to grade students. The TAGs we submitted were in line with our Centre Policy, which was approved by the exam boards and can be read [here](#). We also had to send a sample of our evidence and grading to the exam boards as part of quality assurance check.

If you are unhappy with your grade, you should first speak to **Dr Reeder**. If you wish to appeal your grade, you should follow the appeals process, which is shown on our school website. The first stage of any appeal is a Centre Review, in which we will check if any administrative or procedural errors have occurred. If students remain unhappy with the outcome of centre review, they can ask that we put forward an appeal to the awarding organisation on their behalf. The deadlines for these are:

- Centre Review deadline for appeals: **23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021**
- Awarding Organisation deadline for appeals: **17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

We must receive a Centre Review appeal by the deadline before we can progress it to an awarding organisation appeal.

Please note that during either of the appeals stages, results could go up or down or stay the same. You will not keep the higher of the grades, and an appeal cannot be withdrawn once a decision has been made. Alternatively, all GCSE's can be resat in the autumn term.

There are several articles that the Department for Education has published to provide students and their parents/carers with additional information, and support with understanding this year's examination process.

- [Results Days: What to expect and everything pupils and students need to know](#)
- [How does the new 1-9 GCSE grading system work?](#)
- [What you need to know about grades in 2021](#)
- [I didn't get the grades I need – what do I do now?](#)
- [Grade Appeals: What can I do if I think my grade is wrong?](#)
- [What you need to know about exams in 2022](#)

Congratulations on your results again, and please do contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S. Rhodes  
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