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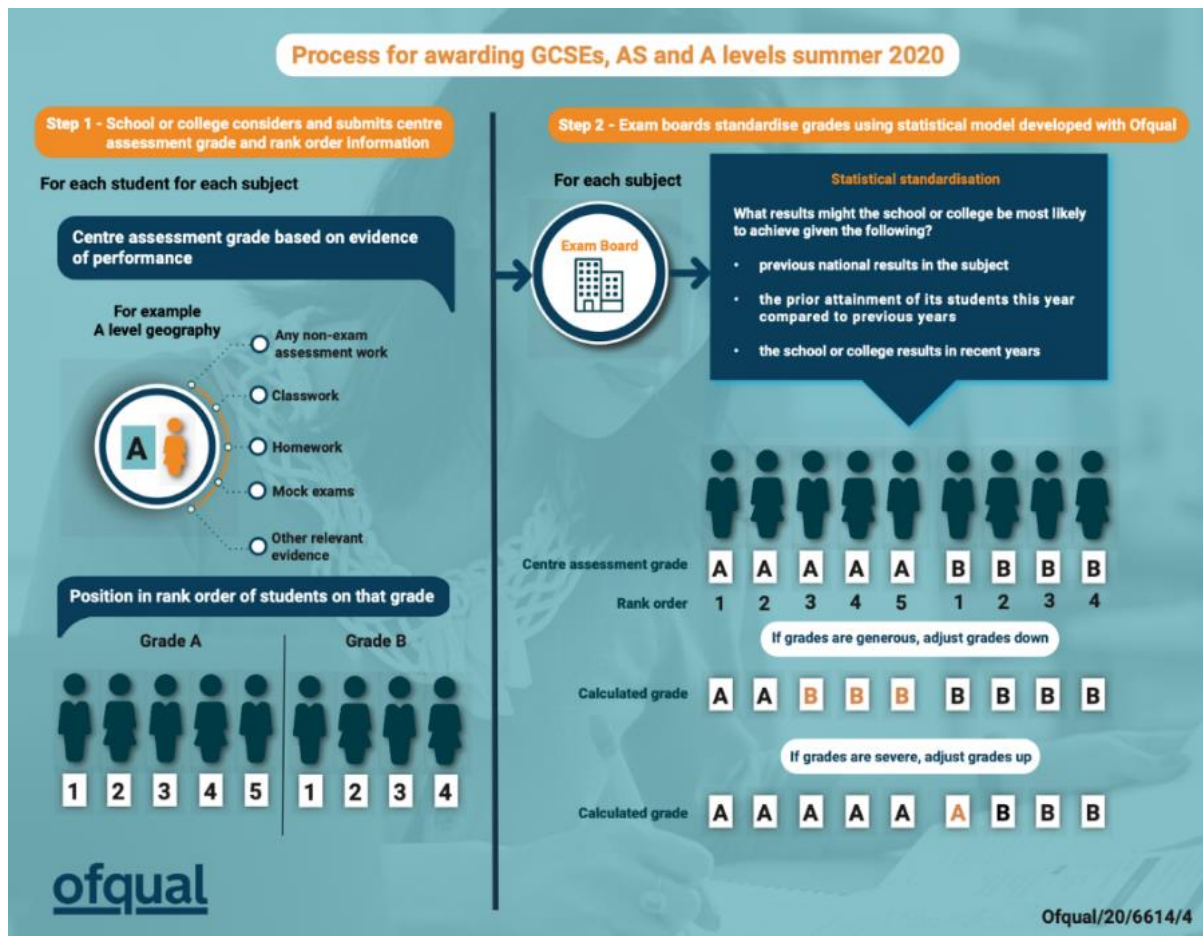
Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 students

If things had run normally this year, our Year 11 students would have celebrated taking their final GCSE exam paper last week. But, things have not been normal, and we have all had to get used to a slightly different approach to life over the last few months. I hope you have all been able to keep safe and well during this time.

As you will have been aware, the school was asked to provide information directly to exam boards, so that they could then devise a qualification grade for each student in every subject they would have taken the exam for. After significant internal moderation, these have now been fully submitted. We have been instructed by the exam boards to **not share** these grades with you.

However, as stated above, you must be aware the predicted grades the school submits are simply a starting point for the allocation of final grades by the exam boards, taking into account the National picture and previous school and student performance.

Therefore, our submitted grades will still be subject to change during the moderation that occurs at a National level, as is the case during the normal examination process, but even more so in this unusual situation.



As you are all aware, due to current social distancing guidelines, sadly we are not in a position to hold a "normal" Results Day, with all Year 11 learners mingling in the Main Hall and picking up their results at the same time. However, we do feel that it is really important that we ensure that all our Year 11 students have the opportunity to pick up their results on site and speak to members of staff and friends, all at a safe social distance of course.

The final grades will be issued on the original exam Results Day, **Thursday 20th August**. Our plans for the collection and distribution of the results have taken into account that some level of social distancing is likely to still be in place at this time. We will be issuing our GCSE results via a system of appointments. Students are kindly asked to book an appointment by emailing examinations@robertsutton.staffs.sch.uk. Appointments are available between 8.00 am – 11.30 am on Thursday 20th August as follows:

8.00 am – 8.45 am
9.00 am – 9.45 am
10.00 am – 10.45 am
11.00 am – 11.30 am

- Students are kindly asked to book an appointment by emailing examinations@robertsutton.staffs.sch.uk
- Students should arrive **no more than 5 minutes** before their appointment time – entering school via the entrance at the Main Reception.
- Results will be distributed from the Main Hall.
- There will be a strict one way system in place; enter through Reception and leave through the Dining Room.
- There will be other safety measures in place too, for example, we will provide hand sanitiser as you enter the school building.
- You can collect your Leavers Hoodies when you collect your results.

Students who have any queries or questions regarding their results will be able to speak to members of staff including the Senior Leadership Team, Pastoral Team, as well as our Careers Advisor – Mrs McAulay. If required, follow up, socially distanced face to face meetings can also be arranged with myself.

It is important to reiterate that no students should come to school without an appointment. We really want to be able to support all our students in the best way possible and we believe that by following this plan we will be able to do so safely

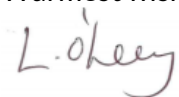
It is imperative if a student is feeling unwell, displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or are self-isolating, that they should not attend Results Day under any circumstances.

Thank you once again for your support. If there is anything else you would like us to support you with during these uncertain times, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We would like to wish all of our Year 11 students the best of luck for the future; remember how proud of you we all are and always believe in yourselves.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support during this difficult time, and stay safe.

Warmest wishes



Laura O'Leary
Acting Headteacher



Amanda McDowall
Year Leader

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What happens if I am not happy with my results?

If the results achieved are not what was hoped for, Ofqual have stated that “students who feel that their grades from the summer do not reflect their ability will have the opportunity to take exams in the autumn series or summer 2021. If they choose to do this, students will be able to use the higher of the two grades for future progression”.

What happens if I do not collect my results on Results Day?

Please note that, if a student is unable to collect their results on the day, and wish for their results to be released to another person, this must be confirmed in writing prior to Results Day. Any students in this position should email Mrs Blackham – examinations@robertsutton.staffs.sch.uk.

Can I re-sit my GCSEs?

We are hopeful that the majority of you will be pleased with the grades that you are awarded. However, we also understand that some of you may be disappointed and believe that you could have achieved higher grades if you had sat your examinations. The Government have confirmed that a full set of GCSE examinations will be available to students in the autumn. These will take place in November 2020. If you believe that you will want to sit any of these examinations, you must make sure that we have up to date contact details for you. Please register your interest by emailing examinations@robertsutton.staffs.sch.uk with the subject(s) you are considering re-sitting, and an up to date email address (preferably your school/college one) and telephone number by 3.00 pm on Friday 4th September.

Can I appeal my results?

The Government have also updated their guidance on the appeals process for 2020 results. It states that “appeals should be allowed where a Centre (school) believes it has made an error when submitting its information; or similarly, if the Centre believes an exam board made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade”. Please be assured that we will check all grades carefully against the grades that were submitted.