



Guidance for students, parents and carers regarding GCSE and equivalent results 2021

12 August 2021

Dear students, parents and carers

You will have now received your GCSE or BTEC 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. We also had to send a sample of our evidence and grading to the exam boards as part of a quality assurance check.

If you are unhappy with your grade, you should first speak to Mr Curtis-Brignell, Ms Odd or Ms Pollitt. If you wish to appeal your grade, you should follow the appeals process set out [here](#), fill in the first section of the JCQ form [here](#) and send it to: jcbrignell@thomastallis.org.uk

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 a Centre Review, they can ask that we put forward an appeal to the awarding organisation on their behalf. The deadlines for this are:

- Centre Review deadline: 3 September 2021
- Awarding Organisation deadline: 17 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 You will not keep the higher of the grades, and an appeal cannot be withdrawn once a decision has been made. Awarding Organisations will only uphold appeals if they decide that the evidence selected and/or your grade were clearly wrong and that our academic judgement was therefore unreasonable. The Awarding Organisation will not uphold (i.e. agree to) your appeal merely because other evidence might have been selected or a different grade could have been given.

Alternatively, all GCSE qualifications can be resat in the autumn term.

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

Your sincerely

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