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Dear Y13 Students and Parents

Calculated A Level & Vocational Level 3 Grades Summer 2020

Following the emergency school closures on 20th March 2020, schools were asked by exam boards to award centre assessed grades to students who had been entered for the summer exam series 2020.

This task was undertaken by schools and colleges using their professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade they believe a student would have achieved had they sat their exams this year. A full range of evidence was considered, including:

- non-exam assessment
- the results of any homework assignments
- mock exams
- any relevant evidence

Schools were also asked to provide a rank order of students within each Centre assessed grade. Centres then reviewed these grades in a statistical moderation process, using historic data in order that the head of centre could confirm that the centre assessment grades, and the rank order of students were a true representation of student performance in that institution

Awarding bodies then applied their own statistical model to standardise grades across centres in each subject and award calculated grades. The process is summarised on the last page.

Before exam results are available to Year 13 students and resit students on 13 August 2020, students are not allowed to request information about their own grade or rank from any member of school staff.

On or after results day

If a student believes they have been given the wrong result they should ask the school to review the accuracy of the data that the school submitted to the exam board – this is not an appeal, it is a grade/rank query to the school.

A formal appeal can only be submitted to an exam board if it is believed that a clerical error has been made by the school.

Full details of how to raise a grade/rank query will be sent to students with their statement of results on results day.

If the school identifies a clerical error, the school will contact the exam board to correct the impact of that mistake, and to issue the student with a revised grade.

If the school believes that the student's query about their result was caused by a mistake in the way an exam board processed the school's data, the school will appeal to the exam board.

Exam boards will not accept any appeals directly from students or parents, nor will they discuss calculated grades.

For students who feel that their calculated grade does not reflect their performance, they will have an opportunity to sit an exam during an additional autumn series. For further information, please contact the school Examinations Officer.

The link below provides information from Ofqual which you may also find useful.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/890811/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents_09062020.pdf

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