

Queen Mary's Grammar School



Ofqual announcements on GCSE and A-level grading 3/4/20

Dear parents and students

I am sure that you are aware from the news announcements that Ofqual have released further guidance on the grading of summer exams:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-52145358>

I attach a letter and a guide from Ofqual, to parents and students, which addresses how this will happen

I would like to reassure you that we will follow the guidance provided throughout this process to do our best to ensure that your child is awarded a fair grade that reflects the work they have put in throughout their course and is the grade they were most likely to achieve in the summer. We will be developing a robust internal system to award these grades using all of the sources of evidence cited in the letter

Please be aware that the Ofqual guidance states:

- The exam boards will be standardising the grades awarded by the school and they will be moving them up or down in light of national standards
- Students cannot be set any extra work to "help" us allocate a grade
- With respect to SEND and access arrangements; schools and colleges will judge the grade that these students would most likely have achieved if they had been able to sit their examinations with the intended reasonable adjustment or access arrangement in place.
- The students will find out their grades by the August results day, or slightly earlier if possible
- There will be an appeal process to be announced later by OFQUAL and implemented by the exam boards
- There will be an Autumn exam series for those that think they could do better than the grade awarded by the exam boards in the Summer
- It is important schools and colleges do not share provisional grades, nor rank orders, with students or parents and carers before final results have been issued. This is to protect the integrity of the teachers' judgements, and to avoid teachers, Heads of Department or Heads of Centre feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence

Please respect this advice and do not ask any teachers for information about the grade being given for your child or how it has been arrived at

Thanks you for your continued support

Regards



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