



Summer 2020

Results process

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**ST MARY'S
COLLEGE**

Results process (Summer 2020 awarding)

Information for Candidates

Results, Autumn Exams, Appeals and Certificates

Centre Assessed Grades

Following the cancellation of the Summer 2020 exam series, all secondary schools in England were asked to submit Centre Assessed Grades to the relevant awarding bodies in accordance with updated Ofqual guidance¹. Groups of teachers were asked to work together to collectively agree a set of grades that were based on a broad range of evidence and that reasonably reflected a centre's previous performance. This was then rigorously internally moderated in line with the guidance.

When submitting the required information, all schools were advised that for the reason of fairness, awarding bodies would place these grades through a standardisation process with the aim of ensuring grading standards were consistent across all centres. Due to significant issues with the standardisation process nationally, all students will now receive their original Centre Assessed Grade unless the standardisation produced a higher outcome. It is important to be clear that the best grade has now been awarded and certified and is included in your statement of results.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-gcse-as-and-a-level-results-2020-information-for-students/information-for-students-about-gcses-as-and-a-levels-and-other-qualifications-in-2020>

Final grades

On candidate statements of results (results slips) and certificates, final grades will be reported in the same way as in previous years. Final grades will be issued on results day(s) in August as follows:

| Date | Qualification type |
|--------------------|---|
| 13/08/2020 | GCE (AS, A Levels) and other Level 3 qualifications |
| 20/08/2020 onwards | <i>Updated and certified results including Centre Assessed Grades where appropriate will be reissued.</i> |
| 20/08/2020 | GCSE and other Level 1/2 qualifications |

Arrangements for results day(s)

Results will be made available to all students by e-mail **to their school account only**. Students should expect outcomes to be received by 9:30am. St Mary's College staff will be available throughout the day with whom any issues or concerns can be discussed. Please contact the college if you require any support at any time and where necessary an appointment can be made for a meeting. Under no circumstances should any student arrive on site without an allocated appointment.

Concerns about your results

If you are unhappy with any of your outcomes then please get in touch with the team here at St Mary's using the e-mail links provided with your results. You will have the option to sit exams in the Autumn series for any relevant qualifications completed in Summer 2020. If you would like to consider sitting any exam, please complete the form at the end of this guidance (also attached with your results) and return to the exams team as directed.

The *National Careers Service Exam Results Helpline*² offers advice each year for students who have not received the results they had hoped for. Ofqual will also make a helpline available to students and their parents or carers to talk about the appeals process and any other questions they may have about their results this summer. Currently the appeals processes have been suspended but as soon as we receive any new information we will make it immediately available to all students.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-gcse-as-and-a-level-results-2020-information-for-students/information-for-students-about-gcses-as-and-a-levels-and-other-qualifications-in-2020>

² <https://www.gov.uk/careers-helpline-for-teenagers>

Awarding bodies will also provide information for students about results. We have guidance documents on our website that will signpost you to any relevant information we are aware of.

If you have a concern about a grade you have been awarded, you can:

- take up the opportunity to sit an exam (for appropriate subjects and courses) in the autumn series or in summer 2021
- Make an appeal* on the following basis:
 - request for us to check whether an administrative error was made when submitting information to the exam board. Administrative errors might include, for example, mixing up 2 students with similar names, or accidentally copying across the wrong data, but do not relate to the professional judgements of centres in assigning CAGs. If an administrative error is identified, we can contact the exam board to correct it.
 - ask us to make an appeal to the exam board on your behalf if we believe that the exam board made a mistake when it communicated your grades.
- Make a complaint about bias, discrimination, malpractice or maladministration. If you think this might have affected you, then you should first discuss it directly with us and raise a complaint through our complaints policy (available on the school website). If you feel that your concerns have not been addressed, you could then consider raising your concerns with the exam board. It is important you read the guidance from Ofqual first so that you are clear about what they mean by these terms and what evidence will require you to provide.

³<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-guide-to-post-16-qualification-results-summer-2020/student-guide-to-appeals-malpractice-maladministration-complaints-summer-2020-html-version>

* Please note that a candidate cannot:

- appeal against their centre assessment grades and position in the rank order
- appeal in respect of the process or procedure used by St Mary's College in calculating your centre assessment grades and position in the rank order
- appeal on the basis of a mock exam (this option has now been removed)
- appeal directly in any respect to the awarding body (unless a private candidate)

Arrangements for requesting an exam sitting in the Autumn exam series or an appeal

If you would like to sit the terminal examinations for any subject completed in summer 2020 or request for an appeal to be considered, please complete and return the Post results application form at the end of this document by the stated deadline. It is important that you provide any supporting information that you feel is relevant, and that you complete all elements of the form clearly.

Certificates

Certificates, when received from the awarding body, will be issued to candidates. We will write to you as soon as we have the certificates to outline the process and anticipate this will be at some point in the Autumn term 2020.

