

SCHOOL ASSESSED GRADES RESULTS SERVICE GUIDANCE – SUMMER 2021

July 2021

This year results can be accessed through student portal from 8:30am on 10 August 2021 for A and AS levels and from 8:30am on 12 August 2021 for GCSEs.

Details for how to access these results, as well as arrangements for coming into school, have already been sent out to candidates.

We would remind both students and parents / carers of the following:

- The grades centres submitted to the exam boards were based on evidence which has already been released to students and parents (<https://www.ags.bucks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/School-Assessed-Grades-Evidence-Summary-v3.pdf>) and have been agreed by the centre following an internal quality assurance process and are not the sole responsibility of any individual teacher.
- A copy of the Centre School Assessed Grades Policy has been available on the website since May 2021 (<https://www.ags.bucks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/AGS-School-Assessed-Grades-Policy-April-2021.pdf>).
- Marks and/or Grades for Pillar One and Pillar Two will be known to the students. Pillar One data will have been released throughout the course to the students. Pillar Two was shared via iSams in May 2021.
- A letter was sent to all students and parents on 5 May 2021 to explain the information released to them, along with the opportunity to use the online Google Form to request any specific consideration that was not known to the School.
- This was the fairest possible approach available under extreme circumstances. It is a rigorous process which means that grades awarded this year are as valid as in any other year.
- This will allow students to progress to the next stage of their lives in the normal way.

Concerns about your results

If you have a concern about a grade in any subject, the following options are open to you. We would suggest that in the first instance you discuss the most appropriate way forward with your pastoral staff, many of whom will be available on results days and all of whom can be contacted by email - **please make sure that you also copy grades21@ags.bucks.sch.uk into any communication.**

1. You can sit an exam in a future exam series. All GCSEs and A levels are being offered during the Autumn Term - please contact the Exams Office for entry forms. You may also choose to sit exams in the Summer 2021 exam series.
2. You can request a Centre Review (administrative or procedural error) for your grade by the School, once this is complete you can make a request for the School to make an Appeal to the Awarding Organisation. Please do familiarise yourself first with the grounds on which an appeal can be made and the process for requesting a Centre Review and an Appeal to an Awarding Organisation.

The documents to allow you to do this are on the school website:
<https://www.ags.bucks.sch.uk/examination-series-summer-2021/>

In particular please do read:

- “Parents and Students FAQ for Centre Reviews and Appeals 2021”:
<https://www.ags.bucks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Parents-and-Students-FAQs-for-Appeals-June-2021.pdf>
 - “AGS Guidance for Centre Reviews and Appeals to Awarding Organisations”, which includes the deadlines by which appeals will need to be made:
<https://www.ags.bucks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/AGS-APPEALS-PROCESS-SUMMER-2021-SERIES.pdf>
3. Before requesting that an appeal be made to the Awarding Organisation, students must request a Centre Review. This can be done by completing the Google Form accessed via the following link:
<https://forms.gle/DNxmLRYVwm9o4oV17>
 4. Once you have had the result of a Centre Review you may request that the school make an appeal to the Awarding Organisation by completing the Google Form accessed via the following link:
<https://forms.gle/7zsEyRE24nCPpg137>
 5. Please read through the information included on these Google Forms as you will need to sign to say you have understood it and be clear about the grounds upon which you are making the appeal. You will also need to sign to say you understand that following a review or appeal your grade may go down as well as up or stay the same. If your grade does go down, you will not be able to withdraw the appeal.
 6. The timeline for Centre Reviews and Appeals to Awarding Organisations is available to view in the documents linked above. Priority Reviews and Appeals (students applying to higher education who did not attain their firm choice i.e., the offer they accepted as their first choice and wish to appeal an A level or other Level 3 qualification result) will be handled before non-priority Reviews and Appeals.
 7. Please note that the Google Forms above should be filled in by the student and that they must be signed into their school account to be able to make a submission.
 8. Any questions should be referred to the specific email dedicated to school assessed grades at AGS this year (grades21@ags.bucks.sch.uk) to ensure they are picked up during the summer vacation.