

HSDC Exams Update – GCSE, AS and A level,
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and Advanced
Extension Award (AEA) in maths



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Today we have received guidance on the process and timeline for awarding A Level and GCSE grades in lieu of formal examinations. Following this guidance from Ofqual, we would like to update you on what we are doing to ensure you gain the correct grades for your studies.

Schools and colleges have been asked to provide a centre assessment grade for all A Levels and GCSEs being studied by their students using a balance of different sources (all of which are detailed in the link below). Your teachers will be working on this now and once complete and fully checked the College will submit this information to all exam boards.

To make sure that grades are as fair as possible across schools and colleges, exam boards will put all centre assessment grades through a process of standardisation using a model being developed with Ofqual. Ofqual will consult on the principles of this model shortly, but we expect it will look at evidence such as the expected national outcomes for this year's students, the prior attainment of students at each school and college (at cohort, not individual level), and the results of the school or college in recent years. Final grades will have the same status as any other grade in any other year. Students will receive these grades no later than the usual results days in August.

More detail around the appeals process for students who wish to challenge their final grade and the potential for them to sit formal examinations at a later date will be released by the Government in due course and we will endeavour to update you as soon as possible.

Further information regarding the recent Government update, including a letter from Ofqual to students, can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>

Although this additional information is very welcome, we appreciate the feeling of uncertainty this still brings and the desire to contact your teachers. Please rest assured that the College will do everything to ensure the centre assessment grades given are up-to-date, accurate and fully take into account every students' individual circumstances. Therefore, you should not contact your teachers unless absolutely necessary. Colleges have been informed that under no circumstances can they share centre assessment grades with students, parents or carers prior to final results being issued.

We await more information regarding the process by which students studying vocational/technical courses will receive their final grades and we will update our information accordingly as soon as possible.

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