

August 2021

Dear students, parents and carers,

You will have now received your GCSE or equivalent results. Congratulations! It has been a difficult year with many disruptions and your grade is a reflection on all the hard work you put in.

As you know, exams this year were cancelled by the government in January and replaced by a process of Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) in order to grade students. The TAGs we submitted were in line with our Centre Policy, which was approved by the exam boards and I have attached a copy. We also had to send a sample of our evidence and grading to the exam boards as part of quality assurance check.

If you wish to appeal your grade, you should follow the appeals process set out in the [policy](#) and explained in my [letter](#) (15th July 2021). JCQ have also provided a useful guide to the process for students which you can access [here](#). The first stage of any appeal is a Centre Review, in which we will check if any administrative or procedural errors have occurred. If students remain unhappy with the outcome of centre review, they can ask that we put forward an appeal to the awarding organisation on their behalf. Those of you who have met your university conditions but still wish to appeal can appeal as a non-priority appeal. The deadlines are listed below:

Thursday 12 th August	GCSE results issued via email Open for stage one non-priority appeals (all other appeals). You need to access the form on the school website (here) and email the form to results@qehs.net . You only need to complete the first part of the form.
Friday 20 th August	Students must have submitted a stage one non-priority appeal by 12pm.
Friday 10 th September	Staff will have responded to all stage one non-priority appeals.
Monday 13 th September	Students will have submitted a stage two non-priority appeal by 5pm.

We must receive a Centre Review appeal by the deadline before we can progress it to an awarding organisation appeal.

Please note that during either of the appeals stages, results could go up or down or stay the same. You will not keep the higher of the grades, and an appeal cannot be withdrawn once a decision has been made.

Alternatively, all GCSE, AS and A level qualifications can be resat in the autumn term.

Congratulations on your results again, and please do contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Neil Seaton

Head of School