



DEAN TRUST Wigan

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Executive Headteacher: Mr James Haseldine

22nd July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 Pupils

Further information regarding collection of results on Thursday 20th August 2020

To enable us to work to current Government guidance and to ensure everyone's safety, we have already allocated each pupil a time slot and collection point to collect their GCSE results from the school during Results Day. This measure has to be in place to avoid large crowds congregating to enable us to adhere to social distancing measures. Parents/carers are welcome to attend school with their child to collect their child's GCSE results, however no other extended family or siblings are permitted.

Awarding of grades

As you will have been aware, the school was asked to provide information directly to exam boards, so that they could then devise a qualification grade for each pupil in every subject they would have taken the exam for.

After significant internal moderation by middle and senior leaders within the school, and at a trust level, these have now been fully submitted. We have been instructed by the exam boards not to share these grades with you. The Centre Assessed Grades and rankings that the school submitted are simply a starting point for the allocation of the final grades by the exam boards, taking into account the National picture and previous school and pupil performance. Grades submitted by the school may still be subject to change during the moderation that occurs at a National level.

Please find an infographic on the next page that helps explain the process carried out by the school and the exam boards to award you child their official grade.

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Process for awarding GCSEs, AS and A levels summer 2020

Step 1 - School or college considers and submits centre assessment grade and rank order information

For each student for each subject

Centre assessment grade based on evidence of performance

For example
A level geography

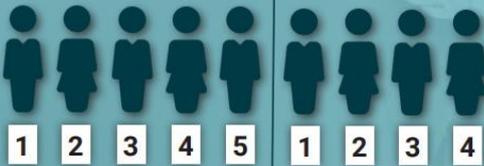


- Any non-exam assessment work
- Classwork
- Homework
- Mock exams
- Other relevant evidence

Position in rank order of students on that grade

Grade A

Grade B



Step 2 - Exam boards standardise grades using statistical model developed with Ofqual

For each subject



Statistical standardisation

What results might the school or college be most likely to achieve given the following?

- previous national results in the subject
- the prior attainment of its students this year compared to previous years
- the school or college results in recent years



Centre assessment grade	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B
Rank order	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4

If grades are generous, adjust grades down

Calculated grade	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
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If grades are severe, adjust grades up

Calculated grade	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B
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GCSE results Day

Although our pupils may not have sat formal examinations, the results they achieve should be celebrated as we have previously done in past years and we are looking forward to welcoming our pupils back into school on the 20th August.

Arrangements for the day

- Pupils should arrive no more than 5 minutes before their appointment time, queuing at the lower gates (next to the main car park) whilst undertaking social distancing measures.
- Pupils will then be invited into school through the lower gates up to the atrium, following the clearly marked one-way system, where results will be distributed from one of four collection points. Senior Leaders will be on hand to answer any enquires or to offer guidance on your child's next steps.

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- Pupils will then exit school through the main reception and we ask that pupils and families do not congregate outside reception.
- Additional safety measures will also be in place on the day such as hand sanitiser as you enter the school building.
- If anyone within your household displays symptoms associated with Covid-19 or are self isolating we are unable to allow you to enter the school. If this is the case, please email office@deantrustwigan.co.uk and we will be in touch to make additional arrangements to issue your child results.
- Please also contact us by email if you cannot attend so we can make arrangements for results to be distributed.

Post Results Day information

Ofqual have confirmed that pupils will not be able to challenge or appeal their calculated GCSE grades. Pupils will only be able to lodge appeals – through their school or college - if they believe there has been a procedural or systemic error relating to the calculated grade they have been awarded. The school will confirm to pupils whether an appeal would be warranted due to an identified procedural or systemic error.

There will be an opportunity for pupils who are not satisfied with their grades to enter exams in the Autumn Term. The dates for subjects are yet to be confirmed but they will be between Monday 2nd and Monday 23rd November for GCSE pupils.

Entry to these exams will only be available to pupils in subjects for which they were entered in the Summer season and there is a very strict deadline – Tuesday 8th September - by which entries must be made. Any pupil who misses the deadline will lose the opportunity to sit the exam in the Autumn. Details of the process for entering resits, including deadlines and fees will be made available on 20th August.

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Yours sincerely

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