

Appeals Guidance - Applicable for Summer 2021 only

Due to a global pandemic, Ofqual announced that exams would not take place in Summer 2021. Students instead, are to receive Teacher Assessed Grades. This will involve teachers using various data and assessment grades to produce these grades, which has highlighted several changes to the malpractice/appeals rights.

- Only a student can appeal their TAG, not a parent or guardian. A student MUST have evidence based upon any of the criteria listed below before an internal appeal can be logged
- Parents / carers and students should note that grades can go up or down as the result of an appeal
- A separate form is required for each individual subject a student would like to appeal
- Any appeals are to be directed to the Senior Leader James Hind – SLAT EDHT for each subject in the first instance, using the online Google Form for Appeals
- Timeline for Appeals:
 - ❖ 10 August to 16 August: Student requests centre review
 - ❖ 10 August to 20 August: Centre conducts centre review
 - ❖ 11 August to 23 August: Centre submits appeal to exam board
 - ❖ 10 August to end October: Majority of non-priority appeals take place
 - ❖ 10 August to 3 September: Student requests centre review
 - ❖ 10 August to 10 September: Centre conducts centre review
 - ❖ 11 August to 17 September: Centre submits appeal to exam board

Students will only be able to appeal the grades based on the following criteria:

- A student believes there has been a breach of internal security within the school
- A student believes that a case of deception has taken place
- A student believes that a member of staff has given improper assistance to other students
- There was an over direction of students in preparation for the common assessments
- A student believes that submitted grades are not supported by the correct evidence
- The school has entered students who were not originally intending to certify in Summer 2021
- The school has failed to engage as requested with the awarding bodies/organisations in regards to appeals and quality assurance
- The school has failed to keep records of decisions made on Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs)
- A student believes the teacher/s have shown bias against them
- A teacher has failed to authenticate students work

If a student is not happy with the outcome of the internal appeal, they are to contact the schools Examination Officer, who will assist them in the next steps of the appeals process

Exam boards will support schools in prioritising appeals where an outcome will determine a student ability to progress to their stage of education or training

Appeals Process After results day

Results issued (10/12 August)

1. Student asks centre for review because they think there has been an error

Note: Grades can go up, down or stay the same

Centre review: Centre checks for errors and process issues. Centre wants to change grade?

No

Yes

Centre informs student of outcome

Awarding Organisation checks and issues final grade; may require input from Centre

2. If Student thinks the error has not been resolved they ask centre for Awarding Organisation appeal

Note: Grades can go up, down or stay the same

Centre submits Awarding Organisation appeal

Awarding Organisation appeal:

Have processes been followed, is the grade a reasonable exercise of academic judgement?

No

Yes

Awarding Organisation issues final grade; may require input from Centre

Awarding Organisation issues final grade

Centre informs student of outcome

3. If dissatisfied, applications may be made to Ofqual's EPRS (Exam Procedures Review Service)