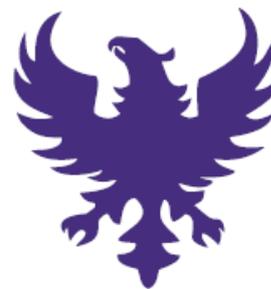


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August 2021

Dear Parents,

RE: 2021 Summer GCSE Appeals System.

The vast majority of parents will be delighted with the outcomes achieved by their children in the GCSE and vocational examinations this summer. Our students worked incredibly hard to achieve these grades in very difficult circumstances. Our staff also worked extremely hard to assess all students consistently and fairly to ensure that the correct grade was awarded in each subject. We realise that some students might not have done as well as they might have hoped. However, we can assure you that a fair and consistent system was applied to all students in assigning the teacher assessed grades.

However, we understand that some students / parents may wish to appeal one or more of the grades they received. It is important that you understand the system before deciding whether or not to appeal. The system for 2021 is set out below:

Stage 1 Centre Appeal – Administrative/Procedural check by school:

Parents should initially appeal to school by **Thursday 19th August 2021 (4pm)** using the link/QR code below, if they think that the wrong grade has been awarded to their child.

School will undertake an administrative check to ensure that no error has occurred in processing the grade and that the correct grade was awarded as intended. This is unlikely to lead to a grade change but it is possible that an error did occur. In the case of an error, we will contact the relevant Examination Board to confirm the error and we will follow their procedures to correct the grade. Where necessary we will contact the relevant further education provider with a holding letter, notifying them of the error. This is particularly important if the grade/s for required for a particular college course has not been met. The school will notify you of the outcome of this review, via email, by Monday 30th August.

Please note all requests for a centre review must be submitted via the form at the link below by **the final deadline of Friday 3rd September 2021. Appeals submitted after 19th August, but before 3rd September will receive an outcome by Friday 10th September. Please do not submit requests to any staff member via email.

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Stage 1 Centre Appeal- additional academic judgement check by school:

At parents request (via the online form-link below), school will also run a preliminary check on the academic judgement that the teacher used to derive the grade.

A member of the subject team will review the available materials to check whether the correct academic judgement was applied to the student's actual written work. As with the administrative check, it is unlikely that the grade will change. However, where a subject teacher finds evidence that a different grade should have been awarded, we will advise parents to appeal to the relevant Examination Board.

It is very important to note that the Examination Board appeal may result in the grade moving down, staying the same or moving up. School has no control of this process, as an independent Board appointed examiner will review the work that we submit. Where necessary we can notify the further education provider that an appeal has been lodged with the Examination Board. We will immediately inform parents of the outcome of this appeal upon receipt of the grade.

Stage 2 Awarding Organisation Appeal- Academic judgement check by the Examination Board:

You can only move to Stage 2 after a Stage 1 Centre Appeal has been undertaken by school. At parental request the school can submit an appeal to the relevant Board, irrespective of the Stage 1 check outcome above. It is very important to stress that grades can go down, stay the same or go up.

The deadline for submission of the Stage 2 appeal is **Wednesday 15 September 2021, 4pm**. School has no control of this process as a Board appointed examiner will review the work that we submit. Where necessary we can notify the further education provider that an appeal has been lodged with the Examination Board. We will immediately inform parents of the outcome of this appeal upon receipt of the grade.

Having carefully considered all of this information, please use the QR code or link below should you wish to submit a Stage 1 appeal with school.

Yours faithfully

Stage 1 Centre Appeal Form:

Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/211783707665060>

Or scan the QR code:



Mr D Christian
Principal