

24th August 2020

Dear Year 11,

Following the OFQUAL/ government U-turn on Tuesday, the school's Centre Assessed Grades for GCSE have been used at the final grade unless the adjusted grade is higher. If the algorithm moved up a pupil's grade then this will be the final GCSE grade.

The Centre Assessed Grades we submitted were the result of an extensive in-school process. Your teachers approached the task of assessing grades with the utmost diligence, and the grades that we submitted were a fair and accurate reflection of what your teachers believed you would have achieved based on all of the evidence we had available.

As we are sure you are aware, the exam boards then applied a 'standardisation model' so that the distribution of grades awarded this year is consistent with those awarded in other years at a national level, and this process inevitably resulted in some centre-assessed grades being adjusted. The aim of this process was to ensure fairness and consistency between students in different years and in different schools and colleges, however nationally, there have been issues with the algorithm and OFQUAL and the government have now altered this process.

We are conscious that this has been a difficult and anxious time for you as a result of the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic. If you would like any further support or information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you have queries about any of your results, I'd encourage you in the first instance to contact your Head of Year who will make sure that someone contacts you to discuss your concerns, and advise you on any next steps. You may also want to talk to the sixth form or college you plan to go to. They may well be flexible about their entry requirements. If you want to resit any of your exams, the current plan is for a full series of exams to take place in November. We do not yet have full details of how this will work, but please let us know if that is something you'd like to discuss. The email to contact with regards to resits is exams2020@reddish.stockport.sch.uk

The National Careers Service has also set an exam results helpline during August 2020. Young people or their parents can contact the helpline on 0800 100 900 to speak to a professionally qualified careers adviser if they need advice on their next steps. The helpline will be open from 8am to 10pm from Thursday 13 August until Friday 28 August. After these dates, young people will be able to access ongoing support from the National Careers Service at any time by calling 0800 100 900, visiting nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us or searching for the National Careers Service on Facebook and Twitter.

Good luck in the future and stay in touch.

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