



Co-op Academy  
Priesthorpe

# Awarding Grades 2021



# Calculating Teacher Assessed Grades

The following document details how grades will be determined in summer 2021 for all those students due to complete qualifications. It includes information around,

- Assessment and evidence
- Supporting materials
- Quality Assurance
- Appeals and results

## Assessment and evidence

We will assess our students' performance, **only on what content has been covered, to determine the grade each student should receive.**

Students will continue to work on their non-exam assessment, including project qualifications. Non-examined assessment will be marked by teachers and will contribute to the overall grade, even if it is incomplete.

## Supporting materials

Exam boards are providing a package of support materials to include questions, mark schemes, data about how students typically performed in individual questions and exemplar materials. This will be based on past questions and a proportion of unpublished questions for every subject. We will be using this assessment material as part of in class assessments. This will form a key piece of evidence for informing teacher-assessed grades.

## Quality Assurance

Exam boards will put in place arrangements for external quality assurance to check each centre's internal processes and, in a sample of centres, to review the evidence for one or more subjects. Sampling will be both random, and risk-based.

## Appeals and results

Students will be able to appeal their grade. A student who is unhappy with their grade will first ask their centre to check whether an administrative or procedural error has been made.

Where a centre does identify an error in the grade submitted to the exam board, it can submit a revised grade and a rationale for the board to consider. If the exam board is satisfied with the rationale, it will issue a revised grade.

Where a centre does not believe an error has been made, a student can ask the centre to appeal to the exam board on their behalf. The centre will submit the student's appeal to the exam board and provide the evidence on which its judgement had been made; the exam board will consider whether, in its view, the grade reflected an appropriate exercise of academic judgement. If the exam board judges that it did not, the exam board will determine the grade that the evidence would support. The exam board will also check that the centre had followed its own process.

## Key dates

End of March 2021	Exam board materials to be issued
Week beginning the 26 <sup>th</sup> April and 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	In class assessments using the exam board materials
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Grades submitted to the exam boards
10 <sup>th</sup> August and 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	A level and GCSE results days respectively
10 <sup>th</sup> August onwards	Appeals window opens

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## How will Teacher assessed grades be calculated?

Students will be issued a grade in every subject that has been informed by the following evidence.

- Performance in class-based assessment that have been provided by the exam board. These will take place week beginning the 26<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May. A full timetable of when the in-class assessments will take place will be shared week beginning the 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- Trial exams sat in December 2020
- Coursework or similar controlled assessment sources (based on exam content)
- Assessments completed on online learning platforms
- Essays
- Tests and mini assessments, including past paper questions, completed in lessons
- Book work that clearly evidences exam criteria

Assessment materials will be only be **based on work the students have covered**.

Moderation between teachers in each department and across the Trust will take place.

## What will happen next?

Teachers are carefully evaluating the coverage of curriculum content. Assessments will test the standard at which a student is working, assessed only on what the content that has been covered, so that grades reflect what a student knows, understands and can do.

When we return to classroom-based lessons, the focus will be on supporting students in preparing for the exam board assessments. Smaller class tests will be an essential part of making sure any gaps are identified and addressed. Practice exam style questions will also be used and collated to form an essential piece of evidence towards the center assessed grade.

All assessments provided by the exam board will be completed in classrooms during lesson time, week beginning the 26<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The time, length of assessment and exact dates will be shared with students and parents no later than week beginning the 29<sup>th</sup> March.

All papers will be marked by teachers. Moderation will take place within the academy and across the Trust.

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## How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021



### Working out your grade



Graded by teacher judgement



Not graded by an algorithm



School and college assessments can continue



You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught



Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you



Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded

### Evidence



Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence



Non-exam assessment should continue



Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete



Art & design grade based only on your portfolio



Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to



Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best

### Results and appeals



#### Results days

AS and A level 10 August  
GCSE 12 August



If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.

You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website



[www.gov.uk/ofqual](http://www.gov.uk/ofqual)

## How vocational and technical qualifications will be awarded in 2021



### Qualifications most similar to GCSEs and A levels

e.g. BTECs and OCR Cambridge Technicals



Taken only in schools or colleges



Do not assess occupational skills

### Qualifications not similar to GCSEs or A levels

e.g. Functional skills and ESOL Skills for Life



Taken in schools, colleges or other places



Do not assess occupational skills

### Qualifications with occupational skills or proficiency assessments

e.g. construction, plumbing and electrical qualifications



Taken in schools, colleges or other places



Assess occupational skills

### Your results



Graded by teacher or lecturer judgement



Various sources of evidence used



Results no later than for GCSEs and A levels

### Your results



Assessments should continue where possible



May be awarded using other evidence or judgements



Awarding organisations decide the evidence needed

### Your results



Assessments can continue as normal where possible



Assessments may be delayed



Assessments can be adapted if needed

# Key Dates and Quality Assurance

9th  
March

- All YR11 students return to lessons

29th  
April

- Assessment timetable shared with students

26th  
April

- Assessment Week 1
- **Marks or results are NOT given to students**

3rd  
May

- Assessment Week 2
- **Marks or results are NOT given to students**

10th  
May

- Focus on completing coursework / non exam content.
- Moderation of marks within the departments and the Trust

7th  
June

- Trust Leadership Team to quality assure all teacher assessed grades

14th  
June

- Teacher assessed grades submitted to the exam board

10th and  
12th  
August

- A level and GCSE results days respectively