

Appealing qualification grades, summer 2020

Dear Parents/Carers, Pupils and Students,

I am now able to provide you with the details of the summer 2020 appeals process. As this is an unprecedented year, the process for appealing qualification grades is limited. To cut a long story short, this is because the qualification grades are the highest from a combination of:

1. The Centre Assessed Grade (CAG), and
2. The Calculated Grade from the (now abandoned) moderation algorithm

For Year 13 students, we do not yet have details of where CAGs were uplifted, whilst for Year 11 pupils, the results issued on Thursday were the best grade from the combined CAGs and Calculated Grades.

Ofqual have now produced a 'Student guide to appeals', and it can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/910603/6672 - What to do if you have concerns or questions about your grades.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/910603/6672_-_What_to_do_if_you_have_concerns_or_questions_about_your_grades.pdf)

I urge you to read this document carefully, especially points 3 and 4 on page 5, before acting. Furthermore, I recommend paying careful attention to the guidance on page 6 (which does seem to contradict the point about candidates being unable to challenge the school over the CAG and rank order we submitted to the exam boards). The school does have a separate policy entitled 'Reviews of marking', but this is not applicable to the appeals process this year.

If you have a query about how we arrived at a particular CAG, we will review our data and do our best to explain how we made the judgement, but without compromising the integrity of the process as a whole. Please ensure that you have familiarised yourself with the information previously published about CAGs.

If you are wishing to contact the school about results, you **must** use the exams2020@nts.cumbria.sch.uk email address. Enquiries sent to other email addresses at school will not receive a response. You must not attempt to contact subject teachers directly. This is because you do not have the right to try to hold them to account personally, as you are querying a whole-school process.

Finally, the deadline for submitting appeals to the exam boards is 17 September 2020, so any query you wish to make to the school should be received no later than 3.30pm on 11 September 2020 (this is to allow us sufficient time to investigate and reply to your enquiry).

Kind regards

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