

Exams Results Guidance

We hope that you are happy with your exams results and feel that they reflect the work you put in.

If you are concerned about your results there are two options for you to consider (appeals and resits), as set out below. Any requests for resits/ appeals must be made in writing by the student concerned using the forms attached after results day. **Requests from parents/ carers cannot be processed.**

1) How Have Your GCSE, BTEC and A Level Grades Been Calculated?

Schools were asked to send exam boards two pieces of information for each examination entry, based on what they know about students' work and achievements:

- the grade they believe students were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned (a centre assessed grade)
- within each subject, the order of students, by performance, for each grade; this information has been used to standardise judgements – allowing fine tuning of the standard applied across schools and colleges (a rank order)

Hasmonean MAT considered a range of information including students' classwork and homework, their results in assignments and any mock exams, any non-exam assessment or coursework they have done, and their general progress.

This information has allowed the government, with exam boards, to standardise grades across schools and colleges, to make sure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged because their schools or colleges are more generous or harsh than others when making those judgements. That means the final grade students get could be different from the centre assessed grade the school sent to the exam board. Further guidance on how your grades were set can be obtained by looking at the Ofqual Guidance for Students that can be found [here](#).

2) Appeals

Centre Appeals

You have the right to ask us to appeal to the exam boards if you are unhappy with your exam results.

Remember that if you appeal your grade, it can go up, down or stay the same. The exam boards have made it clear that they will only accept centre appeals on a limited number of grounds:-

- a) Hasmonean MAT incorrectly inputted a candidate's centre assessed grade and rank order
- b) The exam boards made a mistake inputting data given to them by Hasmonean MAT or in communicating it to you. This might include an appeal based on your mock result.
- c) In exceptional circumstances where there have been changes affecting this year's cohort, such as
 - if a single-sex school has changed to co-educational
 - if the centre has had a significant change in leadership or governance and can provide objective evidence that its previous grades are not a reliable indicator of its 2020 results
 - where a centre experienced a monumental event (flooding or fire which meant students has to re-locate) which affected one year's results in the historical data used in the model

or where – because of the ability profile of the students - a centre was expecting results this year to show a very different pattern of grades to results in previous years. That could include where the grades of unusually high or low ability students been affected by the model because they fall outside the pattern of results in that centre in recent years.

Candidate Appeals

If you feel that Hasmonean MAT has shown bias or discrimination against you in assessing your centre assessed grade or rank order you should contact your Year Leader in the first instance. If your concern relates to your Year Leader you should contact your headteacher. In all cases you should refer to the Appeals Procedure [here](#).

Limitations on Appeals

You **cannot** appeal :-

- a) Because you disagree with the centre assessed grade or rank that Hasmonean MAT submitted to the exam board.
- b) About the process or procedure used by Hasmonean MAT to calculate your centre assessed grade or position in the rank order.
- c) Directly to an exam board, except where you are concerned about bias or discrimination and have already raised that with Hasmonean MAT and received a response to your complaint from Hasmonean MAT

If you/ Hasmonean MAT are making an appeal you should inform any interested third parties such as a college or university.

BTEC

Guidance on the way in which BTEC grades have been calculated can be found in the Ofqual Guidance for Students that can be found [here](#).

Forms

- 1) If you wish Hasmonean MAT to appeal against your **A level results**, you should send in [form 1](#).

The deadline for submitting an A level appeal is 17th September 2020. Any appeals submitted after 14th September may not be processed and will incur an additional administrative fee of £10.

- 2) If you wish Hasmonean MAT to appeal against your **OCR GCSE results**, you should send in [form 2](#).

If you wish Hasmonean MAT to appeal your **Pearson GCSE results**, you should send in [form 3](#).

If you wish Hasmonean MAT to appeal your **AQA GCSE results**, you should send in [form 4](#).

The deadline for submitting a GCSE appeal is 17th September 2020. Any appeals submitted after 14th September may not be processed and may incur an additional administrative fee of £10.

- 3) If you wish Hasmonean MAT to appeal against your **BTEC results**, you should send in [form 4a](#).

The deadline for submitting a BTEC appeal is 17th September 2020. Any appeals submitted after 14th September may not be processed and may incur an additional administrative fee of £10.

If you would like to raise concerns that Hasmonean MAT has shown bias or discrimination against you in arriving at your centre assessed grade/ rank order you should use form B which is attached to the [Appeals Procedure](#). Form B must be submitted to the relevant exams officer for onwards transmission to your Year Leader by 1st September 2020 to allow Hasmonean MAT time to respond within 7 calendar days before the deadline for submitting appeals of 17th September 2020.

If you have any concerns about how Hasmonean MAT is dealing with a request for an appeal, you should refer to the [Appeals Procedure](#).

If you have lodged an appeal, you may also want to ask for a resit, due to the time it may take to deal with appeals.

Fees

The fees structure for appeals is complex. Please contact your exams officer for details of any fee you may have to pay. Any fees paid will be refunded in the event of a successful appeal. Any requests for appeals submitted after 14th September 2020 may incur an additional administrative fee of £10.

3) Certificates

The certificates students get this summer will look exactly the same as in previous years, and they will have equal status with universities, colleges and employers, to help students move forward in their lives as planned.

Candidates will be contacted when certificates have been received from the exam boards in the autumn, with suggested times for collection.

4) Resits

If you have lodged an appeal wish to resit a GCSE or A level exam that you received a grade for this summer, you can do so this autumn. The dates for resit exams are:-

- a)** A level 5th October – 23rd October 2020
- b)** GCSE 2nd November - 23rd November 2020

The **entry deadlines** for these exams are:-

A level - **Friday 21st August 2020**

GCSE English and Maths – **Wednesday 30th September 2020**

Other GCSEs– **Wednesday 16th September 2020**

If you wish to enter for a resit for A level, please complete [form 5](#).

If you wish to enter for a resit for GCSE English and Maths, please complete [form 6](#).

If you wish to enter for a resit for other GCSEs, please complete the [form 7](#).

The fees for resits are set out on forms 5-7.

5) Queries

If you have any queries about centre appeals or resits please contact the exams officers

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