

## Results, Appeals and Certificates

### Centre assessment grades and rank orders

St Bede's RC High School has submitted provisional (centre assessment) grades and rank orders to the relevant awarding body in accordance with the Ofqual guidance<sup>1</sup> on *Awarding qualifications in summer 2020* and in line with the awarding body instructions.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>

For the reason of fairness, awarding bodies are putting these grades through a standardisation process to ensure grading standards are consistent across all centres. The rank order of candidates will not be changed but the final grades candidates receive may be different to the centre assessment grade.

### Final grades

On candidate statements of results (results slips) and certificates, final grades will be reported in the same way as in previous years.

Final grades will be issued on results day(s) in August as follows:

Date	Qualification type
20/08/2020	GCSE and other Level 1/2 qualifications

### Arrangements for results day(s)

GCSE results will be sent by email to the pupils St Bede's email and by post to the address we hold on file.

Pupils can access next steps advice from the careers helpline (link below) or the college they are interested in applying to. Information on all local colleges and training providers is on the school website, will be attached to your results email and will be sent in the post. With your results on 20<sup>th</sup> August.

### Concerns about your results

At results time, Ofqual will be providing information for students that sets out how their grades were calculated this year and the options available if they believe their result was not properly produced, including access to appeal. The *National Careers Service Exam Results Helpline*<sup>2</sup> offers advice each year for students who have not received the results they had hoped for. Ofqual will also make a helpline available to students and their parents or carers to talk about the appeals process and any other questions they may have about their results this summer.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/careers-helpline-for-teenagers>

Awarding bodies will also likely provide information for students about results.

If you have a concern about a grade you have been awarded, you can ask (in writing) the Exams Officer, Mrs A. McGovern to:

- check whether an error was made when submitting your centre assessment grade and rank order to the awarding body (this may incur a cost)

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- seek any information from the awarding body holds in relation to how your final grade was calculated (this may incur a cost)
- provide information about the opportunity to take an exam in the autumn series or in summer 2021
- OR if you feel **you have evidence** of bias or that you were discriminated against; you could raise a complaint with Mr Callaghan, if you are not satisfied with the outcome of any such appeal you could pass such evidence on to the awarding body who could investigate for potential malpractice

### Arrangements for appeals

The arrangements for awarding qualifications in summer 2020 state:

Candidates can appeal their grades through their centre if they feel the process this summer was not followed correctly in their case.

A candidate can:

- ask their centre to appeal on their behalf to an awarding body if there is evidence that leads a candidate to believe:
  - the centre made an error when submitting a centre assessment grade or rank order information
  - an awarding body made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade
- appeal against the centre's decision
  - not to seek any information the awarding body holds that would be needed for an appeal; and/or
  - not to appeal to the awarding body

A candidate cannot:

- appeal against their centre assessment grades and position in the rank order
- appeal in respect of the process or procedure used by St Bede's RC High School in calculating their centre assessment grades and position in the rank order
- appeal directly in any respect to the awarding body

**Pupils who are not happy with their results can take the examinations in November. Entry requests will need to be with the exams officer by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Applications to sit the examinations in a subject can be made by completing a request form which is available from the exams officer Mrs McGovern and returning to the school reception desk or via email.**

For further information on the calculation of grades, appeals and re-sits please visit the [ofqual.gov.uk](http://ofqual.gov.uk) website

**Certificates** when received from the awarding body, will be issued to candidates, (details to follow).