

19th July 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Year 11 Results Day Thursday 12th August

As you will be aware, the teacher assessed grading process for all Year 11 pupils was completed by teachers, faculty leaders and senior staff earlier this term. This information was submitted to exam boards who are now conducting their own moderation process to finalise results following the guidance given to them by Ofqual.

To ensure every pupil feels supported and has access to immediate guidance in the next stage of their education we are inviting pupils in to collect their results on **Thursday 12th August**.

Pupils must only arrive at school during their allocated time slot in line with the schedule below. On arrival, pupils will be directed to the school hall for collection of their results:

Surname Initial	Time Slot
A to F	9:00 – 10:00
G to N	10:00 – 11:00
O to Z	11:00 – 12:00

Sixth Form Admissions

During the day our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Hanson, will be available to support with enrolment, answer any questions and to provide guidance on the next steps. This will also provide an exciting opportunity to discuss the possibility of continuing your educational journey at DEC if you have not yet chosen to do so.

If you would like more information regarding university, apprenticeship or careers advice then you can email our careers advisor, Mrs S.Fellows, at careers@decschool.co.uk

Appeals Process 2021

Please find information below regarding the appeals process this year.

What may happen to a grade during the centre review and appeals process?

If a pupil requests a centre review or an awarding organisation appeal there are three possible outcomes:

- The original grade is lowered, so the final grade will be lower than the original grade that was received.
- The original grade is confirmed, so there is no change to the grade.
- The original grade is raised, so the final grade will be higher than the original grade that was received.

Once a finding has been made a pupil cannot withdraw a request for a centre review or appeal. If a grade has been lowered the pupil will not be able request that it reverts back to the original grade that was received on results day.



Is there grade protection this year?

No, as stated above there is no grade protection for students this summer. A centre review or an appeal to the awarding organisation may result in a student's grade going up, staying the same or going down. Students must consent to a centre review or awarding organisation appeal. It is also worth noting that once a centre review or appeal decision has been made, a student cannot withdraw their application for the centre review or appeal to the awarding organisation.

What are the stages and grounds for appeal this summer?

There are two stages to the appeals process this summer. Stage one is a Centre Review. Stage two is an Awarding Organisation appeal. Before progressing to the Awarding Organisation appeal stage, pupils must go through the Centre Review first. When submitting a request for an appeal the student must select all the grounds that they want the centre and the awarding organisation to consider.

What will be checked during a centre review?

Pupils can ask the centre to check whether it made a procedural error, an administrative error, or both.

A procedural error means a failure to follow the process set out in the centre policy. An administrative error means an error in recording a grade or submitting a grade to the awarding organisation.

Please note, if a centre review is requested grades may be lowered, confirmed as accurate or raised. Once a finding has been made, a pupil cannot withdraw their request.

What will be checked during an awarding organisation appeal?

Pupils can ask the awarding organisation to check whether the centre made a procedural error - or whether the awarding organisation itself made an administrative error. Pupils can also ask the awarding organisation to check whether the academic judgement of the centre was unreasonable, either in the selection of evidence or the determination of a grade.

When do I need to submit my request?

Requests for a Centre Review must be submitted by 3rd September 2021. Following a Centre Review, if a pupil disagrees with the outcome and wishes to progress to stage two of the appeals process they should do this as soon as possible. Requests for stage two must be submitted to us by 17th September. School will then submit this appeal on behalf of the pupil to the awarding organisation.

How do I submit my request?

The downloadable appeals document can be found here: https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/JCQ_Appeals-Guidance_Summer-2021_Appendix-B.pdf

Please note, for a stage one (centre review) please complete pages one and two only.



Who must submit the request?

The appeal must be completed and submitted by the pupil who is appealing and not the parent/carer.

What is the likelihood of an appeal changing a grade based on academic judgement?

The official guidance states: "The reviewer will only conclude that there has been an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement if the Teacher Assessed Grade was clearly wrong – i.e. there was no basis upon which the grade could properly have been given."

Where can I find out more?

You can read the official guidance documents here:

https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/JCQ_Appeals-Guidance_Summer-2021.pdf

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

Until then, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any element of the above, then please do not hesitate to email enquiry@decschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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