

Assessments and Grades 2021

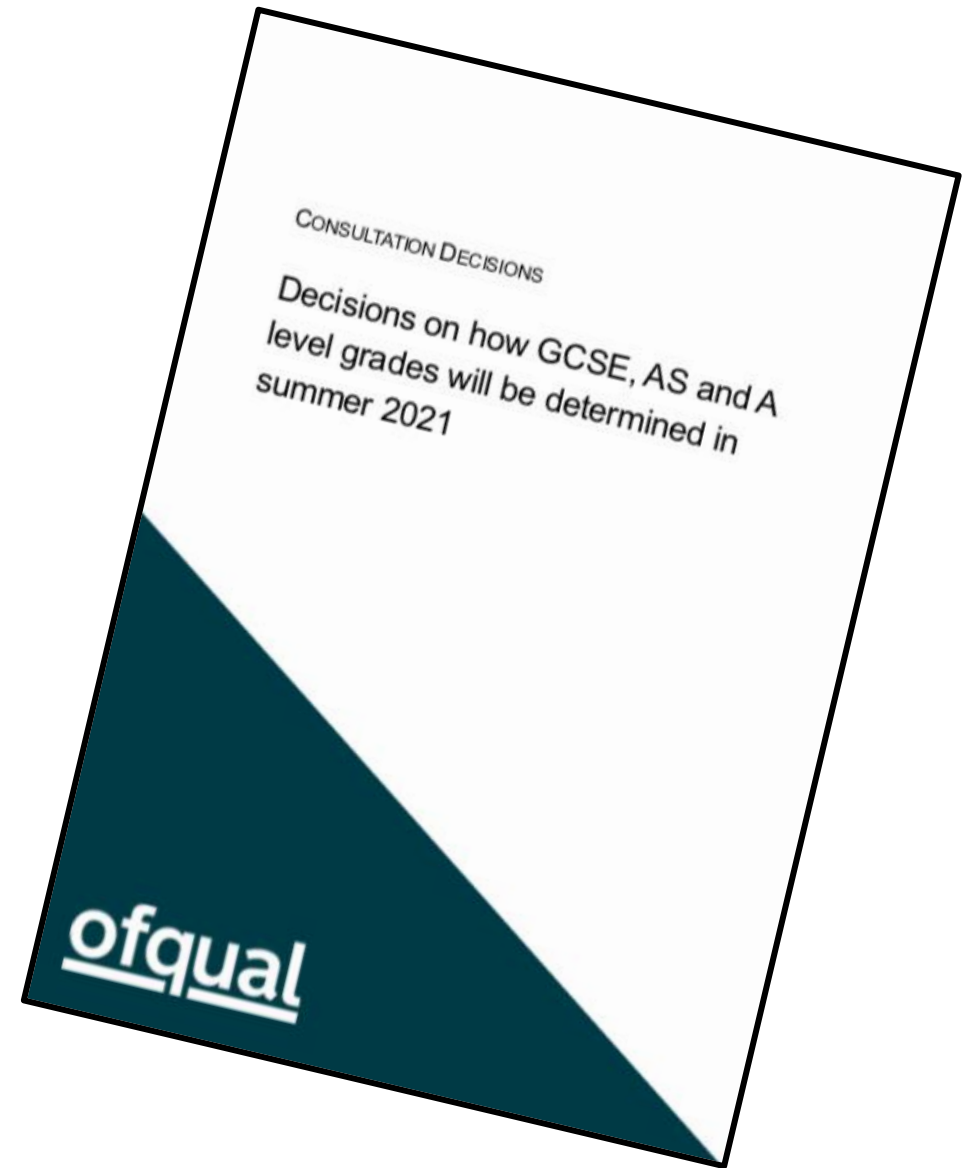


25th February 2021 DfE and Ofqual published their conclusion to the consultation process on how GCSE, AS and A level grades will be determined in 2021

- Some specifics in terms of dates etc
- Mostly general guidance and underlying principles for schools to interpret and apply

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▲ Gavin Williamson said he could 'absolutely' give a cast-iron guarantee exams in England would not be cancelled.
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Timeline/Key Dates

Friday 18 th June 2021	Deadline for submitting Centre Assessed Grades to the Exam Boards
14 th – 16 th June 2021	Final Quality Assurance by Senior Leadership Team
7 th –11 th June 2021	Final Quality Assurance and Moderation by Faculty Leaders
Friday 28th May 2021	Deadline for completion/submission of Assessment Tasks

Fairness, Values and Integrity

- The school will be fair and act with integrity
- Pupils need to feel that they have earned their grades and that they reflect their ability.
- Grade inflation only serves to devalue grades for pupils.
- Committed to giving pupils the best opportunity to demonstrate their potential and progress to the next stage of their education.

Underlying Principles

- Assessment should focus on work that has been taught, but represent as much of the course as possible
- A range of tasks/evidence used
- More weight given to some assessment tasks depending on how substantial they are, (length, depth etc).
- More weight given to assessment tasks completed under supervision, however, assessment tasks completed remotely will be used and considered as evidence
- Work completed most recently should be given more weight
- Pupils will need to authenticate their work.

The Practicalities

- Teachers will be structuring learning and assessment to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to demonstrate their ability
- Progress will be shared through teacher feedback, but will be subject to moderation and quality assurance
- Pupils will build on an existing assessment evidence
- There won't be an Assessment Week – subject teachers will plan and structure assessment opportunities
- Dates for any assessments will be shared with pupils in Google Classroom the week before.

Assessment Tasks and Evidence

Examined Subjects

- Exam style questions set by the class teacher
- Exam style questions set by the exam board
- Past exam papers (or parts of)
- Homework tasks
- Online assessment

Practical Subjects

- Art, 3D Design, Textiles and Photography are all portfolio – No set assessment dates, pupils will continue to develop their existing portfolio of work
- PE, Food Technology, Creative iMedia, Health and Social Care – combination of teacher assessment of practical elements or controlled assessment, and exam style questions (as above)

Final Assessment Portfolio

- For each subjects, pupils will have a Final Assessment Portfolio of work, selected by their class teacher.
- Final portfolio of roughly 10 pieces of work will be used to inform a judgement on final grade allocation.
- The portfolio must include a range of tasks (different topics and styles of assessment) but will reflect the best assessment outcomes achieved
- The overall grade will represent a 'best fit' for the assessment portfolio.

Assessment Portfolio – History Example

Assess.	Task Set
5/6 marks	Henry - Single paragraph homework task (unsupervised) completed during lockdown
4/4 marks	Germany - Short answer exam question completed independently in class (supervised)
4/4 marks	MTT - Short answer exam question completed independently in class (supervised)
8/12	MTT - Long answer teacher set question completed in class (supervised)
Grade 6	Henry - Full Exam Paper – November Assessment Week, completed in Exam conditions
4/6	Germany - Homework task (unsupervised)
8/12	Germany - Long answer exam board question completed in class (supervised)
3/4	Henry - Short answer teacher set question completed in class (supervised)
7/12	MTT - Long answer exam question completed as homework (unsupervised)
Grade 5	Germany - Full Exam Paper – Year 10, completed in class (supervised)

Final Assessment : Grade 6

Exam Access Arrangements

- Exam access arrangements will be organized where possible
- Access arrangements that are applied will be noted on assessments, including where, for example, extra time has been made available but not taken.
- If access arrangements cannot be accommodated, this will be noted on the assessment and an appropriate adjustment will be made to the marks awarded.

What are we not going to do ...

- Confirm the final grade that is submitted
- Accept assessment tasks that have not been set by school
- Accept work which we believe has not been completed fairly
- Debate or negotiate potential grades with students (or parents)
- Consult with or considering the opinions of private tutors

Parents Evening

Thursday 25th March 2021

Year 11 Parents Evening (rearranged date)

Thursday 1st April 2021

Year 13 Parents Evening (calendared date)

Opportunity to discuss your child's current position and what they need to do to secure or improve their grade.

Progression – Yr11 to Sixth Form

- Week Commencing 7th June 2021 – Sixth Form Transition Programme
 - 4 week A-Level Transition Course
 - Students will continue studying courses which they will potentially take at A-Level, focusing on the components of the GCSE course which are essential for progression, ensuring they have been covered in sufficient depth.
 - Open to all students considering A-Level study

We have contacted local colleges to support students who are considering vocational courses, to potentially develop similar programmes.

Exam Results

- Tuesday 10th August 2021 – Yr13 A-Level, AS, L3 Vocational and EPQ
- Thursday 12th August 2021 – Yr11 GCSE and L1/2 Vocational

*These dates have changed.

Details will be sent out nearer the time regarding times for collection and the process for having results sent in the post.

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