

Public Examinations Summer 2021



GCSE, AS and A level proposals

Recent communications

- Students are given the opportunity to demonstrate the standard at which they can perform
- Provide an incentive them to continue learning throughout the rest of the academic year
- Teachers being asked to assess their students' performance to determine their qualification grade
- Ensuring this task is as manageable as possible by resources and expertise to achieve this





GCSE, AS and A level consultation: decisions

- Assessment and evidence
- Support materials
- Quality assurance
- Appeals and results
- Autumn exam series
- Vocational, technical and other regulated qualifications





GCSE, AS and A level grading 2021: challenges

- A student's grade in each subject will be based on their teachers' assessment of the standard at which the student is performing. So students who have missed more school may be less advanced in their learning and academic development and thus be liable to be awarded lower grades.
- The expectation is that students will have been taught sufficient content to allow progression to the next stage of their education. Heads of centres will have to confirm this.





GCSE, AS and A level grading 2021: challenges

- The suitability and relevance of the exam board produced assessments and the relative importance of these in relation to other evidence
- Identifying which evidence from pupils' work will be used as the basis for teacher assessments, in line with exam board guidance
- Making sure that the evidence base for teacher assessments is as consistent as possible for all students in a subject





GCSE, AS and A level grading 2021: challenges

- Ensuring that that quality assurance processes are rigorous and robust to mitigate against any allegations of malpractice
- Ensuring schools that have recently improved can still demonstrate this via their results
- Managing teacher workload





GCSE, AS and A level grading 2021: support for schools

- Support and guidance with accessing appropriate training to help with making teacher assessments
- Facilitating support with moderation and quality assurance of samples of evidence and teacher assessments
- Support for subject leaders and heads of department
- Support with data analysis and benchmarking teacher assessed grades





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