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## Letter to students 7 July 2020

We understand that this has been an unsettling time for many of you, with the news of school and college closures and the cancellation of this summer's exams and external assessments. We wanted to reassure you about how your results will be calculated this year.

Dear students and learners

### How will your grades be calculated?

As a result of the government's decision to cancel exams, we have asked teachers and tutors at your school/college to provide us with:

- 'Centre Assessment Grades' for all subjects that you were entered for, based on the available evidence and what your teachers felt you most likely would have achieved, if you had sat an examination this year.
- a 'rank order' of all learners within each grade for the subject, based on what your teachers/tutors felt you would most likely achieve at qualification level, under normal circumstances.

Your teachers will have based their decisions on a range of evidence, including any work you may have completed in class, coursework, any prior exam or mock results, and your general performance during the course. The information that was submitted to us will have been checked beforehand by other teachers, error reports built into our system, and Heads of Department in your school or college and signed off by the Head teacher of your school.

We are reviewing the centre assessment grades and rank orders to check that your centre has submitted all the information needed to give you a grade. To ensure we can issue grades and outcomes we will review lots of key data - we refer to this as the 'statistical standardisation'.

All Exam boards will use a [statistical model](#), developed by Ofqual, to look at things like historical data and the national picture, as well as the data from schools, to issue final grades. This is really important as it makes the process as fair as it can be for everyone, by ensuring the same grading standards are applied for all schools and colleges and that grades remain comparable from one year to the next. If grading judgements in some schools and colleges appear to be more generous or severe than others, individual grades may be adjusted up or down to reflect that.

Ofqual, the qualifications regulator who designed the statistical model, have created an [infographic](#) to help explain the process that all awarding organisations will be using this year.

### When will you find out your results?

You will find out your outcomes on the originally scheduled results days.

- 13 August 2020 – AS/A levels and International AS/A level
- 20 August 2020 – GCSE, International GCSE, iPrimary and iLowerSecondary

## Appeals and next assessment opportunity

Ofqual have now confirmed that you cannot challenge your individual centre assessment grades this year. In the unique circumstances of this summer, Ofqual do not believe there is any person better placed than your teachers who could determine your centre assessment grade. In the rare event where you or another student has evidence of serious malpractice by the school, it may be appropriate to contact us directly.

If you are unhappy with your results or the appeal outcome, you will be able to resit the exam in an exam series being run in autumn this year. All subjects that would have been offered in the summer 2020 examinations will be offered this autumn.

## Progression to your next stage – be that university, work or college

Ofqual has confirmed that these results will carry the same weight as in other years and should be treated the same by employers, colleges and universities.

For those of you studying a Level 3 qualification, they will carry the same number of UCAS points as in previous years. UCAS has created some helpful [resources](#) for those of you who have applied, or who are considering applying to higher education. We are regularly updating UCAS and universities about the process for issuing results this summer, so they can support you appropriately.

## Further support and information

We have created this set of questions and answers ([FAQs](#)) for you. You can also follow us on Twitter [@EdexcelStudents](#) for regular updates. In addition, Ofqual has created [this guide](#) for parents, carers and learners.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#).

We wish you all the best with your studies, results and progression plans.

Best wishes

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