

# Results Day and Appeals Process (2021)



Following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the UK government decided that the Summer 2021 examination series would not go ahead as planned. Instead, teachers determined your grades, based upon a range of evidence verified by your school or college. These results are being reviewed by the exam boards who designed each course, before awarding the final grades which reflect your performance on content you have been taught and allow you to confidently progress to the next stage of your education or into employment.

## How was I assessed?

Teachers determined your grades, using their professional judgement. This was only based on what you had been taught and your teachers used a range of evidence from across the course of study to make their decision. This includes:

- Records of your performance on the content you have been taught over the entire course of your studies.
- Non-exam assessment, often referred to as coursework or internal assessments, even if you had not fully completed it.
- Work you produced in tasks set by us that reflects the specification, format and marking of exam boards. This included substantial classwork, homework, internal tests, and mock exams.

More information on the TAG process can be found here: <https://wyke.ac.uk/tags/> and assessment plans for departments are available here: <https://wyke.ac.uk/tags-by-subject/>

## Useful Information and Resources on TAGs

TAG Centre Policy 2021: <https://wyke.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/TAG-Centre-Policy-2021.pdf>

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

## Results Day Information

This year, we will be running results days as 'normal'. A level and L3 Vocational results day is Tuesday 10th August, and GCSE results day is Thursday 12th August.

Results will be released from 8:30am. We will also be releasing results through your student portal on the day. We look forward to seeing you all again in the summer.

## **Results Day**

### **When will I receive my grades?**

Level 3 students will receive their results on Tuesday 10 August 2021.

Level 2 GCSE examinations will be released on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### **How will I receive my grades?**

Results will be released from 8:30am on the appropriate day.

Students can either collect in person or results will also be published on the student portal.

These will be available to collect from the learning street on your arrival at the College.

### **What should I do if I need support on results day?**

Your tutor and the careers team will be on site and available to support you between 9am-4pm throughout the week of results day (10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> August).

They are available to:

- Guide and support you through the university clearing process.
- Offer advice and guidance around future careers routes.

### **Can I resit my exams if I am unhappy with my grade?**

There will be an Autumn series for GCSE and A Level exams for students who feel that they could have done better if they sat an examination.

With the exception of Art and Design subjects, the assessment for the autumn 2021 exam series will consist entirely of written examinations. There will be no coursework or non-exam assessment, and any coursework or NEA completed previously will not count towards the grade you are awarded.

If you wish to be entered an examination, complete the form in your results envelope. There will be no cost for this.

## Can I appeal against my teacher assessed grade?

If you feel that there has been an administrative error or an error in the academic judgment applied by our teaching teams, you are able to appeal your grade. You will need to provide a rationale for the appeal detailing why you feel there has been an error.

It is advised that you review the assessments that formed part of the teacher assessed grades before you make any appeal. These can be found on our website: <https://wyke.ac.uk/tags-by-subject/>

If you are applying to university and you have not met your FIRM offer, you are eligible for a Priority Appeal.

### Appeals

If you believe an error has been made in determining your grade, you will have a right to appeal. There are two stages to the appeals process:

#### Stage 1: Centre Review

If you don't think you have been issued with the correct grade, you must first appeal to the college, where we will review whether we:

- **made an administrative error**, e.g. we submitted an incorrect grade; we used an incorrect assessment mark when determining your grade
- **did not apply a procedure correctly**, e.g. we did not follow the Centre Policy, did not undertake internal quality assurance, did not take account of access arrangements or mitigating circumstances, such as illness.

Should you wish to submit a stage 1 appeal, please complete part 1 of the student request form below and email it to [tags@wyke.ac.uk](mailto:tags@wyke.ac.uk)

#### Stage 2: Appeal to the Exam Board

If you still don't think you have the correct grade after the centre review is complete, you can ask the college to appeal to the exam board, who will review whether:

- the college made an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement\* in the choice of evidence from which they determined your grade and/or in the determination of your grade from that evidence.
- the college did not apply a procedure correctly, e.g. they did not follow the Centre Policy, did not undertake internal quality assurance, did not take account of access arrangements or mitigating circumstances, such as illness.
- the exam board made an administrative error, e.g. they changed your grade during the processing of grades.

\* A reasonable judgement is one that is supported by evidence. An exercise of judgement will not be unreasonable simply because a student considers that an alternative grade should have been awarded, even if the student puts forward supporting evidence. There may be a difference of opinion without there being an unreasonable exercise of judgement. The reviewer will not remark individual assessments to make fine judgements but will take a holistic approach based on the overall evidence.

You can only submit a stage 2 appeal following the outcome of a stage 1 appeal, using the stage 2 appeals form supplied with the stage 1 centre review outcome via email.

Should you wish to submit a stage 2 appeal, please complete the student request form and email it to [tags@wyke.ac.uk](mailto:tags@wyke.ac.uk)

All centre reviews and appeals need to be submitted by the College . Students / parents / carers cannot appeal directly to the exam boards.

It is important to remember that **your grade can go down, up or stay the same** through either stage of the process.

Finally, if you believe the exam board has made a procedural error in handling your appeal, you can apply to Ofqual's Exam Procedures Review Service to review the process undertaken by the exam board.

## Priority Appeals

A priority appeal is only for students applying to higher education who did not attain their FIRM choice (i.e. the offer they accepted as their first choice) and wish to appeal an A level or other Level 3 qualification result. You should inform your intended higher education provider that you have requested a centre review or appeal.

## When do I need to submit my Centre Review request?

You should submit a request for a centre review by **16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 4pm for a priority appeal**, or by **3 September 2021 for non-priority appeals**.

Once you have received the outcome of your centre review, if you wish to request an awarding organisation appeal you should do so as soon as possible. We will submit this on your behalf.

## What is your UCAS personal ID and why is it needed?

Your UCAS personal ID is the 10-digit code included in all correspondence from UCAS. This is needed to confirm that a student's place is dependent on the outcome of the appeal.

## Key Dates

10 August – 16 August 2021	Window for students to request a centre review for a <b>priority</b> appeal
10 August – 3 September 2021	Window for students to request a centre review for a <b>non-priority</b> appeal