



**CARDINAL
NEWMAN**
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

POST RESULTS INFORMATION 2021

Enquiries about Results

If you think your grade is wrong, you should first ask school to check whether we have made a mistake in determining or submitting the grade. You can make a Stage One enquiry by completing the [Appeals Application Form](#) and sending it to jro@cardinal-newman.co.uk no later than the **3rd September**. If we identify a mistake, we will submit a revised grade to the exam board to consider.

At Stage One you can appeal for any of the following reasons:

- school have failed to followed its procedures properly or consistently in arriving at your result or
- school made an administrative error in relation to the result

If we don't identify an error but you still believe that your grade is wrong, you can complete a Stage Two enquiry which can be found in the second part of the [Appeals Application Form](#) and email to jro@cardinal-newman.co.uk no later than the **14th September**.

Requests for appeals on the grounds of academic judgement (unreasonableness) will only be considered by the awarding organisations, and not by school at Stage Two, and must follow a Stage One appeal only.

At Stage Two you can appeal for any of the following reasons:

- school did not follow its procedure properly or consistently in arriving at the result, or during the centre review
- the awarding organisation made an administrative error in relation to the result
- school made an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement in the choice of evidence from which to determine the grade and/or the determination of that grade from the evidence

The exam board will consider if your grade needs correcting. They may do this if they believe your grade is not a reasonable judgement or they find a mistake in the procedure which affected your grade. **A corrected grade could be higher or lower than the grade you were given on results day.**

The final route of appeal is Ofqual's Exam Procedure Review Service (EPRS). You can apply to EPRS if the exam board decides that the grade you were awarded is reasonable, and your school or college correctly followed its procedure, but you are still concerned that there may have been an error in the procedure used by the exam board to conduct the appeal. The EPRS can consider whether the exam board has followed its rules and procedures. It will not consider whether you got the right grade based on the evidence of your work. The exam board's final decision on your grade will stand unless the EPRS finds that the exam board made an error in its review procedure. Even if an error is found, your grade may stay the same.

Important things to remember

- teachers have shared with you which pieces of work they have based their judgements on before they submitted your grades to the exam board
- school has carried out multiple checks on your grades. Exam boards will check our approach and will have checked a sample of grades across the system
- the appeal questions whether the original decision was a reasonable one, and not whether other reasonable decisions could have been made
- a grade will only be changed if there was an error when determining or submitting the grade, or if the grade given could not have reasonably been reached based on the evidence presented
- the appeals arrangements will provide an important safety net if there is clear evidence something went wrong when a grade was determined
- your school or college is expected to submit an appeal on your behalf if you ask for one. If you're concerned that your school or college won't submit an appeal on your behalf, you should contact your exam board
- when your appeal is submitted, you will need to explain why you think your result was incorrect and should be changed
- if you appeal, your grade can go up, down or stay the same
- if you are concerned there may have been wrongdoing when developing your teacher-assessed grade you should first discuss this with your school or college
- if you have evidence of malpractice or maladministration, you can contact your exam board directly

Autumn Exam Series

Ofqual have confirmed that exam boards will be offering exams in November and December for all GCSE subjects. The autumn exam series will run from the 15th November through to the 2nd December 2021. The exams will be in a standard format and no adaptations will be made other than reasonable adjustments for eligible students. All subjects will be assessed by exam except Art & Design which will be assessed by a task set and marked by the exam board.

You can only take exams in the autumn if you received a centre assessed grade in summer 2021 in the same subject.

Maths and English re-sits can be taken at your sixth form colleges and will take place from the beginning of November, you should liaise directly with them. If you get a higher grade in your autumn exam than you get this summer, the higher grade will count and you can ask the exam board to issue a new certificate.

If you wish to sit an exam in the Autumn series please email jro@cardinal-newman.co.uk in the first instance to express your interest and a member of the subject team will make contact with you to discuss.

Ofqual and JCQ have released documents detailing all of the above information which we shared with you in May, if you need to refer to them please follow these links – [JCQ Guidance for Students and Parents](#) and [Ofqual student guide to awarding in summer 2021](#)

What do I do about my college place or apprenticeship?

The grades you receive on results day may change your plans for September. It may also be the case that you're just not sure that the college course you've chosen is the right one for you – or perhaps you just don't really know what to do. It doesn't matter what the reason is – if you would like to get some help with the next step, please let a member of staff know and we will help you explore your options.