



3rd September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you and your family are well. We were all incredibly proud of the exam results that were awarded to our wonderful students. I really hope that the grades they have received allow them to go on to access the next stage of their educational journey and that they ultimately are able to access the career of their choice.

Each year, schools will have a small proportion of students who are unhappy with the results they have received. Under normal circumstances, students would be able to appeal to the exam boards for a remark of papers in the hope that their grade would increase. Evidently this is not the case this year as all students across the country have been issued with the best grade of either the Centre Assessed Grade or the exam board grade.

Some further guidance has now been released on appeals and potential re-sits. I hope the information below will give you a little more clarity as to what you can do next if you are unhappy with the results received:

How can you appeal your GCSE or A-level exam grade?

You cannot appeal if you feel your CAG (Centre Assessed Grade) is wrong. If students are not happy with the CAG used to decide their GCSE, BTEC or A-level grade, they will not be able to appeal. The guidance from the DfE explains that: "On balance, we decided it would not be in the interests of students or the fairness of the arrangements overall."

What if a student has a mock higher than their CAG?

A higher mock grade than a CAG is not a reason to appeal. This is due to the fact that mock grades only made up a proportion of the CAG entered by the school.

What can students do if they are unhappy with their grade?

Where students have let us know, we have, or are in the process of conducting an internal review in order to check that the CAG grade entered reflected the grade that was given and to ensure that an administrative error was not made. Where we feel that it was, we will contact the exam board as only we can process this type of request.

Students will also have an opportunity to resit their GCSEs in the autumn series in November 2020. Exams will take place between Monday 2nd November and Monday 23rd November. The deadline for entries will be Monday 14th September.

All subjects will be available for students to resit, and students must sit their exam in the centre where they would have sat their original GCSE or A-Level.

We are yet to receive additional information on the application to resit exams from the exam boards. However, to ensure that we are fully prepared for the event of students wishing to resit exams, please email the Exams Manager kdoohan@kirkhallamacademy.co.uk no later than Monday 14th September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Belshaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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