

Updated statement on Level 3 Results

We welcome the government's change of direction in awarding A Level, AS Level, Core Maths and some Level 3 Applied General qualification students the higher of their Centre Assessed Grade or standardised grade: it was increasingly apparent that a significant number of students nationally and from among our own student body had been adversely and unfairly affected by the statistical approach to calculating grades and we are pleased that the value of teachers' professional judgements will now be acknowledged.

We are working through the revised information and support will still be available for students who wish to discuss their options as they re-enter negotiations with Higher Education Institutions: please email careersstaff@staidans.co.uk.

We are aware, however, that there are still adjustments and possible injustices concerning the grades of some students who have completed BTEC qualifications. We are seeking further information from the exam board in this regard and await clarification of the appeals process.

It remains the case that there are no grounds for appeal against Centre Assessed Grades submitted by the Associated Sixth Form. The government's regulator, Ofqual, explains this as follows:

"you cannot challenge your school or college under the appeals process on the centre assessment grade(s) it submitted or your rank order position(s). Any appeal would have to be undertaken by someone better placed than your teachers to judge your likely grade if exams had taken place – in the unique circumstances of this summer, we do not believe there is such a person."

Please be aware also that the Centre Assessed Grades were submitted following a collaborative process involving all teachers and Heads of Subject for each course, overseen by senior members of staff from both schools. We therefore respectfully ask that students and parents refrain from contacting teachers or Heads of Department requesting discussion of the grades submitted.

There will be an extra series of examinations in the autumn for candidates who wish to improve their grades. These will involve the same examinations as would have been taken had the summer examinations been held, although Non-Examined Assessment (coursework) will not form part of this assessment.

The Autumn A Level Exam series will take place from 5 to 23 October but entries must be received no later than 2 September 2020. Entry forms can be accessed from either school's website and should be returned to the Sixth Form Examinations Officer, Mrs Humphrey w.humphrey@staidans.co.uk.