



# Summer Qualifications

Webinar for parents and students

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021





# Structure of the Webinar



- 1) Overview of the Process for 2021
- 2) Information on the key features of this year's system
- 3) Timeline
- 4) Q & A



# How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021



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## Overview of the Process



### Working out your grade



Graded by teacher judgement



Not graded by an algorithm



School and college assessments can continue



You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught



Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you



Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded

### Evidence



Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence



Non-exam assessment should continue



Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete



Art & design grade based only on your portfolio



Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to



Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best

### Results and appeals



**Results days**  
AS and A level 10 August  
GCSE 12 August



If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.

You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website



[www.gov.uk/ofqual](http://www.gov.uk/ofqual)



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- Teacher will provide a judgement on the level is currently working at
- This will be calibrated at a department and subsequently school level to ensure that the methodology has been correctly applied
- These grades are submitted to the exam boards
- If the school is randomly selected for externally moderation, these grades may be changed
- Result will be published August 10<sup>th</sup> (A-Level) and August 12<sup>th</sup> (GCSE)
- Teachers are not able to tell students or parents what grades have been submitted



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- Students will have assessments in their subjects to help inform teachers of what grade they are working at
- These will not be the same as exams. Exams were cancelled and replaced with a different system.
- Assessments will be conducted in class. They may be shorter versions of the usual exam paper or they may be other forms of assessment (E.g. practicals/School made tests).



Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you

- We will publish what evidence is being used to help teachers reach their judgements.
- Heads of Department are currently deciding on the evidence to be used for each subject. This will vary between the subjects based on what suit each qualification the most.
- Mr Rouse then needs to meet with Heads of Department to discuss the use of this evidence.
- Teachers will then be in a position to inform students
- The information will be published to students and parents



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- Evidence for the teacher judgements can be taken from past assessment or assessments yet to be conducted. Future assessments will carry more weight.
- NEAs (controlled assessments) will continue and form part of the evidence base, even if they are incomplete.
- Teachers have choice over the assessments to be used. We will receive example questions from exam boards, but other sources can be used as well. However, they need to take a similar style to exam questions.
- Work completed during lockdowns can only be used where the teacher is sure of the authenticity of the author. In reality this means most of the evidence will come from times where students were in school.



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Some examples of assessment being completed;

- 2 x 1h 30m exam papers split into half, meaning 4 x 45m assessments
- 8 x 30 minute assessments with the average of the best 7 recorded.
- Portfolio of work completed over the course



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- Worth making a note of when results days are...they have changed from what was originally intended!
- Teachers will not be able to tell students or parents the final grades submitted
- Parents are not allowed to approach teachers to discuss the grades
- Students can appeal where they believe an administration error was made or where the published evidence was not used correctly.

# Timeline



- Guidance released Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Meeting with Heads of Department 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- Heads of Department submitted methodology showing the evidence they plan to use Fri 12<sup>th</sup> March
- W.b 15<sup>th</sup> March – Heads of Department are meeting with Mr Rouse to discuss the evidence to be used in their subjects
- W.b 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Heads of Department are submitting dates when any assessment is to take place.
- W.b 29<sup>th</sup> March – We aim to publish evidence to be used and dates for assessments to take place.
- From now onwards – Assessment may take place. The peak time for these is May as we have been encouraged to complete them as late as possible.
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May – Last day for planned assessments
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – School deadline for submitting grades
- August – Publication of results
- Late August - Appeals process
- Autumn 2021 – Formal exams can be taken if students are not happy with their grade.



# Special consideration & access arrangements

- Exam access arrangements already in place stand. Students will have these. Where this is not possible, or have not been given in the past teachers will take account of this in making their judgements
- Special consideration will be taken for students who have been affected by exceptional circumstances at the time of evidence already collected. E.g. Bereavement at the time of the PPEs. We will send home a communication in the coming weeks about this.

# Q & A



- We will address questions that have been raised in the process of this presentation
- We will produce a FAQ following this summarising the questions asked and the answers. This will also give us a chance to enquire about any questions where we can not yet provide an answer
- If you have further concerns following this evening, please email [info@st-annes.uk.com](mailto:info@st-annes.uk.com) with 'Summer qualifications' in the title