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Principal - Mr T Beesley

15th July 2021

Dear Student

Arrangements for receiving A Level (August 10th) & GCSE (August 12th) Grades and Appeals

I trust you are enjoying a well-earned rest and are looking forward to receiving your grades later this summer. The DfE have confirmed that GCE A Level and GCSE grades will be released on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th August 2021 respectively.

As a student you can choose to:

- Have your grades posted to your home address. These would be posted first class on the 10th or 12th August
- Have your grades emailed to your **College email account**. These will be emailed at 08:30 on 10th or 12th August. If you have forgotten your log in details please contact itsupport@allhallows.org.uk to have your password reset
- Collect your grades in person from the Romero Centre between 08:30 and 11:30 on 10th or 12th August or provide written permission for an adult to collect these on your behalf

If you choose to have your grades either posted or emailed, you will need to inform the Exams Officer by completing the [exams permission form](#) and returning it to examsofficer@allhallows.org.uk

If you are collecting your grades in person, could we please note that:

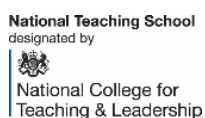
- You **should not** enter the College site if you or any member of your household are displaying COVID-19 symptoms
- Before entering the building, you will be required to sanitise your hands using hand gel
- Your parents or carers are asked not to enter the College unless they are collecting the grades on your behalf
- Your grades will be issued in a sealed envelope,
- You will be required to sign for your results

What to do if you are not happy with your grade

Every year there are some students who are disappointed with the grades they achieve. If you are unhappy with your grades, you might consider whether you sit exams in the autumn series to improve your grade. The design, content and assessment of these papers will be the same as in a normal year.

Appealing your grades

If you are concerned that the grades you have received are incorrect, there is an appeals process. The deadline for submitting an appeal is 17th September 2021. If after reading the [JCQ Student and Parent guide](#) you intend to appeal you should contact examsofficer@allhallows.org.uk



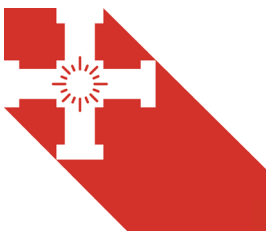
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All students have the opportunity to appeal their grade if they meet the eligibility criteria (see below). It is important to note that an appeal may result in a grade being lowered, staying the same, or going up. So, if a student puts in an appeal and their grade is lowered, they will receive the lower mark.

What are the grounds for appeal?

There are four main grounds for appeal, as dictated by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). They are:

1. You think we have made an administrative error: an example of this would be putting the wrong information into a spreadsheet
2. You think we have made a procedural error: this means we haven't properly followed our own process, as approved by the exam board
3. You think the academic judgement on the selection of evidence was unreasonable: you think the evidence used to grade your child was not reasonable
4. You think the academic judgement on the grade your child was awarded was unreasonable

What does 'reasonable' mean?

This means that any independent reviewer when looking at the range and sources of evidence used to determine your child's grade would be expected to come to the same judgement. It also means that the independent reviewers will not remark or grade students' evidence. Instead, they will look to see whether any teacher acting reasonably could have arrived at the same grade.

What will be the outcome of an appeal?

At either stage of the appeals process (see 'What are the two stages of an appeal?' below), a student's grade may go up, stay the same, or go down. When placing an appeal, the student will have to sign a declaration saying that they accept the fact their grade may go down and they may get a lower grade than their original Teacher Assessed Grade.

What should I do before appealing?

Students must read the [JCQ Student and Parent guide](#) before appealing. We may not be able to offer as much advice and guidance on the likely success of an appeal this summer as we would in normal years, as we have already moderated and quality assured all the grades ourselves.

What are the two stages of an appeal?

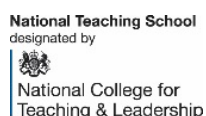
All appeals, on any of the grounds above, must first go through a centre-review. At this stage, we will check for any administrative errors, and check that our policies and procedures were followed correctly. Our policy has already been approved by the exam boards, so we are only ensuring that we followed this properly.

The outcome of the centre-review will be communicated to students when made.

At the centre-review stage, if we find that a grade should go up or down, we will ask the exam board to amend it. They will then consider this request.

Following the outcome of a centre review, students may still choose to pursue an exam board appeal. Students and parents cannot send appeals directly to the exam board themselves – it must come from the College.

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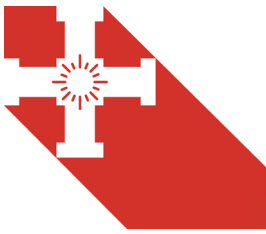
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How do I make an appeal?

Should a student wish to appeal a result on any of the four grounds outlined above, they should request a centre review form by contacting examsofficer@allhallows.org.uk The centre review form should be

completed and sent back to this address to consider the appeal. Please note that the appeal must come from the student and needs to be signed and dated. The appeal will be considered and responded to as soon as possible.

Should a student then wish to appeal to the examination board, as outlined above this must come through the College.

A centre review by the College must be completed in the first instance, and examination boards will not accept appeals to them directly without a centre review having been completed. For the College to make an appeal directly to the examination board, the original centre review form will need to be completed and sent back to examsofficer@allhallows.org.uk.

Year 13

If you have applied to university, the university will confirm their decision via UCAS Track from 08.00 on Tuesday 10th August. If you have not met the minimum grade requirements or have exceeded your university offer, you will be eligible for Adjustment or Clearing. Please read the UCAS guidance [here](#). To enable us to best support you, we strongly recommend that you access 'Track' before you come into College. Members of the Senior Leadership and Sixth Form Teams will be available to support you throughout the day.

If you have applied for an Apprenticeship, you are required to contact your provider as per the details of your offer letter.

Year 11 Students entering All Hallows Sixth Form

Following receipt of your grades you will receive a link to a Microsoft form to confirm your subject choices. You must do this by **Monday 23rd August**. If you have not reached the entry requirements for one or more of your option subjects you will be contacted by a member of staff to discuss your next steps.

Please find the most up to date version of the option grid below. You should choose three options to study over the next two years.

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Art (3D Design/Textiles)	Business Studies Extended Certificate	Biology	Geography
Art (Fine)	Further Maths	Criminology Level 3 Diploma	Economics
Computing	Geography	ICT Extended Certificate	Chemistry
Criminology Level 3 Diploma	History	Physics	Sport Extended Certificate
English Language	Music	Psychology	English Literature
German	Psychology	Theatre Studies	Health & Social Care Extended Certificate
Mathematics	Spanish		Mathematics
Religion, Philosophy, Theology & Ethics			English Language
Sociology			



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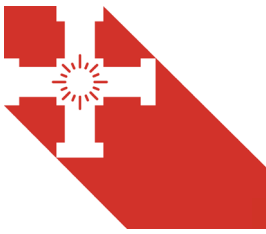
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Sixth Form Information Evening

May I take this opportunity to advise that there will be a virtual meeting for students and parents on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 19.00. You will be emailed a link to this meeting following grades day. This will be sent to your College email account.

Starting Sixth Form

Year 12 students are required to attend College on **Tuesday 31st August between 11:30 and 13:00** to complete an onsite Orient Gene Lateral Flow Test. You should leave the college site as soon as your test is complete.

Term commences for Years 12 & 13 students on **Thursday 2nd September 08.45**. Students travelling on the College Bus should carefully check the [amended route and timetable](#).

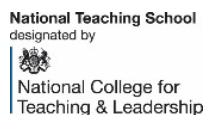
Sixth Form Dress Code

Students are reminded to consult the [Dress Code](#) before purchasing items of clothes to be worn in College.

In the meantime, we would like to wish you a relaxing and safe summer and we look forward to seeing you on GCE A Level and GCSE results days.

God Bless

Tim Beesley
Principal



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