



Awarding qualifications in the summer

A guide for parents and students

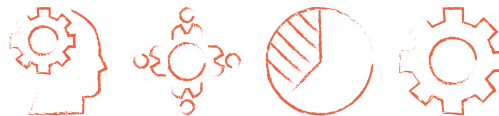
As a result of the significant disruption our students have faced over the last year, the government has said that exams cannot be held in a way which is fair this year.

This is why students who were due to take exams in the summer will be awarded grades based on judgements made by their teachers.

While I am sure you will agree that our priority must be the safety of our children, we are sensitive to the disappointment that many of our students are feeling given the time and effort they have put into preparing for their end of year exams.

We are clear that our students should not face any disadvantage and would like to reassure you that we will be doing everything in our power to ensure they are awarded the qualifications they deserve.

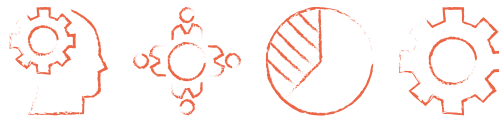
We appreciate this is a stressful time, but it is important for our students to remember that their hard work has not been in vain and that the knowledge and skills they have learned will be invaluable as they progress onto the next stage of their lives.



Which qualifications?

Exams will no longer be going ahead for GCSEs and A levels as well as vocational and technical qualifications used for progression to further or higher education. This also includes other general qualifications such as:

The International Baccalaureate
Pre-U
Core Maths
Advanced Extension Awards
Extended Project Qualifications
Some BTECs



How we will be making a judgement on students' grades

In line with guidance from Ofqual and our exam boards, we will use a range of evidence to make a judgement on students' grades. For fairness we will only assess our students on what they have been taught.

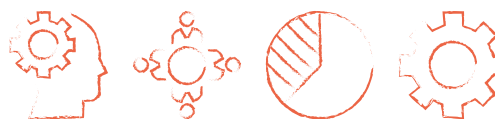
The following types of evidence will be used:

Non-exam assessment like coursework or internal assessments, even if not fully completed

Work produced in tasks that reflect our exam boards' specifications, including some classwork, homework, internal tests or mock exams

Right now, we are using our time with our students to balance teaching with assessment.

For information, we will tell our students which pieces of work will count towards their grade before it is submitted, but please note that we cannot reveal the grades we submit to the exam board.



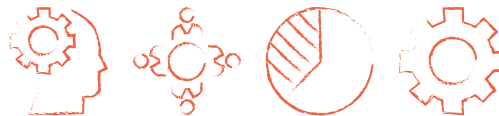
Determining the most fair grades for our students

It is our priority to ensure our students are awarded the most fair grades.

We have been issued guidance by Ofqual and our exam boards on the evidence that can be used to determine grades and the standard of work expected for particular grades.

Once a teacher has determined a student's grades, it will be reviewed by other teachers within the academy as well as the exam boards.

Before submitting grades to our exam boards, our headteacher will submit a declaration confirming that we have met the requirements for quality assurance. Exam boards will complete checks for a sample of student grades over June and July.



Results days

Students will receive their A level results on 10 August and GCSE results on 12 August.

Results for vocational and technical qualifications linked to progression to further or higher education, including some BTECs, will also be issued to students on or before these dates.

Appeals

If a student wishes to appeal their grades after results day, they should contact us so we can carry out an initial review. If we find an error, we can submit a revised grade to the exam board. If the student still wants to appeal, they can ask us to submit a formal appeal to the exam board for them.

Important dates

18 June

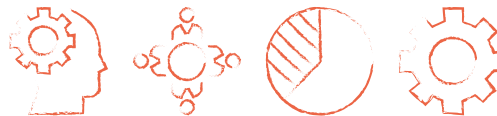
10 August

12 August

Grades submitted to the exam boards

A level and level three VTQ results day

GCSE and level 2 VTQ results day



Contact us

It is our priority to ensure that none of our students face barriers as they move into further and higher education, apprenticeships or the world of work.

Please contact us in the usual way with any feedback, questions or concerns. You can also email listen@e-act.org.uk at any time.



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