

Information for Candidates

Summer 2021 Results, Appeals and Certificates

Teacher Assessed Grades

Weavers Academy has determined grades in accordance with the JCQ guidance and has submitted grades to the relevant awarding organisation by the required deadline.

The centre policy for the determination, collection and quality assurance of student's grades can be found on the academy website along with other key documents and pieces of information.

Arrangements for Results Days

Candidate statements of results, result slips and certificates will contain grades in the same manner as previous years.

Results will be issued on Results Days in August as follows:

Date	Qualification type
Tuesday 10 th August 2021	GCE (AS, A Levels) and other Level 3 qualifications
Thursday 12 th August 2021	GCSE and other Level 1/2 qualifications

Your results will be available in Edulink from 8:30am on the above dates

Concerns about your results

Please check your results and if you have a concern about a grade the first step is to ask for advice from Mrs Sexsmith for 6th Form on Tuesday 10th August, or Mr Higgins for Year 11 on Thursday 12th August, these members of staff will be available throughout the result days and will be able to help you with all aspects of the grades awarded for 2021.

Certificates

Certificates are received from the awarding organisations by the school and will be issued to you. These are usually with the school in early November and you will be notified when they have arrived.

The arrangements for appeals

Section 5.4 of JCQ Appeals Guidance Summer 2021 (A guide to appeals processes – Summer 2021) states:

To decide whether to request a review, students will need access to certain information before results day, or on results day, if it has not already been made available to them. This must include:

- a. the centre policy
- b. the sources of evidence used to determine the student's grade, along with the marks/grades associated with them
- c. details of any variations in evidence used based on disruption to what that student was taught
- d. details of any special circumstances that have been considered in determining their grade, e.g. access arrangements/reasonable adjustments or mitigating circumstances such as illness

There are two stages to the appeals process:

- Stage 1 - centre review
- Stage 2 - appeal to the awarding organisation

Weavers Academy will support its students through the centre review and awarding organisation appeals process.

The information below describes the arrangements in place at Weavers Academy for conducting a centre review and (where applicable) submitting an appeal to the awarding organisation following a centre review.

Stage 1 – Centre review

- If a student does not consider they have been issued with the correct grade, they can submit a request to the academy to check if an administrative or procedural error has occurred using the following email address:
examinationappeals2021@weaversacademy.org.uk
- The academy will email the student/candidate, a copy of the interactive *JCQ Student Request Form for Centre Reviews and Appeals* (saved in the candidate's name and candidate number) as an attachment]
- On receipt, the student should open the attachment, read the important instructions, fully complete *section A. Student request of a Stage one – centre review* form including electronic signature and date. The form should be saved and returned as an email attachment to examinationappeals2021@weaversacademy.org.uk
- The outcome of the centre review may result in the student's grade remaining the **same**, being **lowered** or **raised**
- On completion of the review, the academy will complete *section B. Centre review outcome* of the form and share it with the student as a record of the outcome
- If an administrative or procedural error is found, the academy will submit a request to the awarding organisation to correct the error and amend the grade without the need to submit an appeal to the awarding organisation

Stage 2 – Appeal to the awarding organisation

- An appeal to the awarding organisation will only be submitted if the first stage, centre review, has been completed and the outcome of the first stage has been issued to the student
- The awarding organisation will not be able to consider an appeal that is based solely on differences of opinion - if the student wants to improve their grade they may want to consider entering for the autumn exam series please check your school email account for the link to a request to resit form.
- If the student believes there is still an error following the centre review, or if the awarding organisation has made an administrative error, or the student considers that the grade awarded was an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement, the student can submit a request to the academy to proceed with an appeal to the awarding organisation on their behalf
- To proceed, the student must complete the *Stage two – appeal to awarding organisation* section of the form, including electronic signature and date. The form should be saved and returned as an email attachment to examinationappeals2021@weaversacademy.org.uk
- The academy will then submit the appeal on the student's behalf according to the requirements of the awarding organisation to which it is being submitted
- The awarding organisation will determine the grade at appeal and the outcome will be final
- The outcome of the appeal may result in the grade remaining the **same**, being **lowered** or **raised**
- There is no further opportunity to appeal the outcome to the awarding organisation
- The awarding organisation's appeal outcome letter will be sent to the student without delay as soon as reasonably practical after the outcome letter from the awarding organisation is received in the school
- Should the student still remain concerned their grade was incorrect, they may be able to apply for a procedural review
- The appeal outcome letter will include the next appropriate steps, where applicable, to apply for a procedural review to the Exam Procedures Review Service (EPRS)

Note - Once a finding has been made **you cannot withdraw your request for a centre review or appeal**. If your grade has been lowered, you will not be able to revert back to the original grade you received on results day.

Deadlines to submit a request

Priority appeal¹

16 August 2021 – deadline for a student to request a Stage 1 - centre review

23 August 2021 – deadline for a student to request a Stage 2 – appeal to awarding organisation

Non-priority appeal

3 September 2021 - deadline for a student to request a Stage 1 - centre review

17 September 2021– deadline for a student to request a Stage 2 – appeal to awarding organisation

A priority appeal **is only for** students applying to higher education who did not attain their firm choice (i.e. the offer they accepted as their first choice) and wish to appeal an A level or other Level 3 qualification result. You should inform your intended higher education provider that you have requested a centre review or appeal. You will need to provide in the request form(s) your UCAS personal ID code which is included in all correspondence from UCAS. This is needed to confirm that a student's place is dependent on the outcome of the appeal. Priority appeals that aren't submitted to the awarding organisation by 23 August 2021 will still be treated as a priority, but they may not be completed in time for those with a higher education place dependent on the outcome of the appeal.

Appeals Process

After results day

Results issued (10/12 August)

1. Student asks centre for review because they think there has been an error

Note: Grades can go up, down or stay the same

Centre review: Centre checks for errors and process issues. Centre wants to change grade?

No

Yes

Centre informs student of outcome

Awarding Organisation checks and issues final grade; may require input from Centre

2. If Student thinks the error has not been resolved they ask centre for Awarding Organisation appeal

Note: Grades can go up, down or stay the same

Centre submits Awarding Organisation appeal

Awarding Organisation appeal:
Have processes been followed, is the grade a reasonable exercise of academic judgement?

No

Yes

Awarding Organisation issues final grade; may require input from Centre

Awarding Organisation issues final grade

Centre informs student of outcome

3. If dissatisfied, applications may be made to Ofqual's EPRS (Exam Procedures Review Service)