



Exam Results Day 2021-FAQs

How were my grades arrived at this year?

Grades this summer were based on Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). TAGs were submitted to the exam boards by us as a holistic assessment of students' performance in a subject, following a rigorous process of assessment, moderation and quality assurance.

These grades were then approved by the relevant exam board, following external quality assurance checks.

In some cases, the TAGs we submitted may have been reviewed by the exam board, who may have asked us to submit an alternative grade. However, any changes to the grades we submitted were done by professional teachers or reviewers; this year no grades have been changed as a result of an algorithm.

What do I do if I'm not happy with my grade?

Results day is a very emotional occasion for students, particularly in the current circumstances. In the first instance, we would encourage you to come and talk to a member of the senior team on results day where we will be on hand to support you. We strongly recommend that students take some time away from school, to reflect on their results.

If you have the grades you need for your post 16 course, you should be congratulated and look forward to your next steps. The cohort of 2021 will be widely understood as the group of students who had a very disrupted and different experience. Colleges, universities and employers will be aware of the challenges your year group have faced.

All students have the opportunity to appeal their grade if they meet the eligibility criteria. It is important to note that an appeal may result in a grade being lowered, staying the same, or going up. Therefore, if a student puts in an appeal and their grade is lowered, they will receive the lower mark. More information about appeals can be found in our [Appeals 2021 FAQs](#) on our [Results Day Documents 2021](#) website.

There is also the option to resit GCSEs in the autumn, which may be preferable to some students. Please see the information below on the autumn series 2021.

I don't think I have the results for my courses next year, what should I do?

If you have not got the grades you need for your chosen post 16 course, we suggest that you contact your chosen college directly on the telephone numbers in your results envelope. Post 16 providers are aware that circumstances this year are very different to normal and will be happy to advise you.



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I would like to talk to someone about my results, who can I speak to?

If you would like to speak to a member of SLT or Mr Alderman, we will be around on results day to support you. If you have any questions regarding results or next steps we will offer a results helpline **01256 596613** from 9am-12 noon on 13th August.

The National Careers Service has also set an exam results helpline again during August 2021. Young people or their parents can contact the helpline on **0800 100 900** to speak to a professionally qualified careers adviser if they need advice on their next steps. The helpline is open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 10am-5pm on Saturdays.

Autumn series/ resits

How do I resit in the autumn series?

Ofqual have decided that in the autumn series:

- exam boards will have to offer exams in all GCSE subjects
- exams will be in their normal format, with no adaptations made
- There will be no non-exam assessments (NEA) for GCSEs. Grades will be determined by a student's performance in an exam for all subjects, except for art and design qualifications
- GCSE exams will take place in November and December

The final exam board deadlines for entries is 4th October which means our internal deadline is **Monday 27th September**.

It is worth considering that you will have started your Post 16 courses and will be adjusting to the demands of new courses which will have a significant workload. Being able to fully prepare for the autumn series without teachers, classes and revision lessons will require a lot of dedication.

As is normal practice, students who have not reached grade 4 in English Language or Maths will retake these subjects at college. If, however, you wish to be entered for a re-sit in your other subjects you can email examenquiries2021@testbourne.school

Photos

What if I don't want any photos of me from results day used on the website?

Our photographer will be sensitive to the requests of students. If we have permission to use your photograph already and you are happy for us to take a photo, we may use it on our social media or website. If you do not wish for us to use your photo, please do let Mr Baker know via admin@testbourne.school We may also be asked by the local press to provide a photo of results day. If you do not wish for your photo to be used, please also contact Mr Baker.