

Are these the grades my teachers have given?

Your teachers submitted GCSE grades taking into account your progress over the course of Year 11 and any assessments taken such as the Mocks. The grades you receive are the teachers' Centre Assessed Grades having had Ofqual's standardisation algorithm applied. If any grades have been altered, after having the algorithm applied, it will result only in a higher grade. Grades will not have gone down. The majority of the grades you receive are those put forward by your teachers.

I didn't quite get what I needed for College – what should I do?

Don't panic is the first piece of advice. The Government has said that they do not want the pandemic to adversely affect any Year 11s plans Post-16 so getting in touch with the College is the first thing to do. It might be that you can still follow the courses you wanted to without having to do anything else:

www.hsdc.ac.uk (Havant and Southdowns)
www.portsmouth-college.ac.uk (Portsmouth College)
www.highbury.ac.uk (Highbury College)
www.fareham.ac.uk (Fareham College)
www.chichester.ac.uk (Chichester College)

I'm generally pleased with my results but would like to re-sit one or two subjects. What do I do now?

It's good that you're pleased with the results in general. Re-sits can be sat in the autumn term for all subjects (see below) so ask your College tutor in September how to register for re-sits.

I don't agree with the grade for a particular subject. Can I appeal against it?

Ofqual were clear in saying that schools 'should not provide an opportunity for students to challenge their centre assessment grade..' so Year 11 cannot appeal directly against a grade given, especially as it has been through the Ofqual standardisation model.

Ofqual also said that pupils would only be able to 'raise a complaint to their centre if they have evidence of bias or that they were discriminated against; they could also pass such evidence on to the exam board who could investigate for potential malpractice.' Your teachers worked hard during April, May and June to make sure that the grades are as fair as possible but if you think you have concrete evidence that any of the results reflect bias, contact Mrs Millar, Examinations Officer in the first instance.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-gcse-and-a-level-consultation-outcomes-and-autumn-exam-series-proposals

I didn't complete my Non Examination Assessment (NEA) before lockdown for Design Technology but want to re-sit the Design Technology exam. Can I complete it now?

There is <u>no</u> opportunity to re-submit, or finalise, an NEA. You can re-sit the Design Technology exam in the autumn term but any grade will be based <u>only</u> on the Design Technology exams you take.

Will any re-sit result be based on anything I did at school before lockdown?

No is the short answer. If you sit an autumn exam the grade you achieve will reflect <u>only</u> how you perform in that exam. It will not be based on anything from your Year 11 assessments or classwork.

I got an English Speaking and Listening grade although I never completed it at school. Will I have to do it as part of any re-sit for English?

If you did not complete a Speaking and Listening task in Year 11, your English teacher has awarded you a grade (Pass, Merit or Distinction) based on what they know of you. This grade stays with you. There is no requirement that you complete another Speaking and Listening assessment if you sit an English exam in the autumn.

I would like to re-sit my Art exam as I'm doing it at College and didn't get the grade I need. What do I have to do?

If you wish to re-sit your Art exam, you will have to take a 10 hour exam based on a new task that the exam board will set and mark in the autumn term. The portfolio you worked on in Springfield is <u>not</u> taken into consideration and the grade you achieve is based <u>only</u> on the 10 hour exam.

Will the re-sits be like the exams we would have sat in the summer?

Ofqual have said that for <u>all</u> the exams in the autumn term, candidates will take the same number of exams and for the same duration as they would have had they completed the summer exams. So, for example, if pupils wish to re-sit their English exams, they will have to do <u>two</u> papers of 1 hour 45 minutes each, exactly the same as the summer series.

When are the GCSE re-sits going to take place?

The Joint Council for Qualifications announced that the GCSE autumn exams would take place between 2nd November to the 23rd November. The deadline by which pupils should be entered for the autumn exams is 18th September for the majority of subjects and 4th October for English and Maths.

Where are the re-sits going to be held?

This is yet to be confirmed

How will I prepare for the re-sits? Will my Springfield teachers be able to help with revision?

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If I get a better grade in the re-sit, can I get rid of the first (summer) grade?

If you sit an autumn term exam, and the result is higher than the Centre Assessed Grade from Springfield, you can use that higher grade for future purposes. You can then ignore or discard the grade from Springfield. Equally, if you re-sit an exam and the grade is lower, you can use the higher of the two grades.

Will my certificates reflect the grade of the re-sit if it is better?

Where you sit an exam and achieve a higher grade in the autumn, you can ask the exam board to re-issue the certificate and discard the old one. The exam board will probably charge you for issuing a new certificate, however.

When do we hear of the re-sit results?

For those who sit an exam in the autumn term, the aim is to notify candidates of the grades in January 2021.

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