

Award of Qualifications 2021

Guidance for Students and Families

As you will know the formal exam season of 2021 has been cancelled and, instead, the government has decided that teachers can use a range of evidence to make a judgment of the grade or levels for qualifications this summer.

This paper sets out college arrangements which will ensure our students receive the fairest grade or level in their subjects this summer.

We have adopted the following principles to judge grades or levels at both GCSE and A level:

1. A broad range of evidence will give students the best chance of showing their ability including:
 - Assessments which are gathered under controlled conditions.
 - Assessments which are gathered under classroom conditions.
 - Work which has already been completed.
2. Consistent sources of evidence will be used for all students studying the subject
3. Students will know which pieces of work will be used for their grade or level
4. Students will broadly know, in good time, which topics are in their assessments next term so they can confidently revise and prepare
5. Assessments will be spaced out across a number of weeks
6. Arrangements will be made for those with extra time and/ or support.

Therefore, evidence for qualifications will be:

GCSES:

- Formal assessment next term which will be completed under invigilation.
- Controlled assessment next term to be completed in classrooms.
- An average of predicted grades over the past three years (since the start of year 9).
- Mock results from November 2020.

A Levels:

- Formal assessment next term which will be completed under invigilation.
- Controlled assessment next term to be completed in classrooms.
- An average of predicted grades over the past two years (since the start of year 12).
- Mock results from January 2021.

EPQ (Extended Project Qualification):

This qualification has always been based on teacher assessment of three parts and will continue in the same way this summer.

BTECs and vocational awards:

Many of our students studying BTECs and vocational awards have already completed coursework which was submitted to exam boards last year. These will be taken into account for final levels.

Assessment Timetables.

The timetable for formal assessments will be published to students over the next week. Teachers will tell students, in good time, when the controlled assessment in class will happen.

The majority of assessments will be complete by Friday 21st May.

Results days:

- 10th August for A level and level 3 qualifications
- 12th August for GCSEs and level 2 qualifications

Appeals:

Please note every student should be aware of how their final grade is calculated but final grades and levels will not be released until results days. After that point, if any student decides to appeal against the college process, there is a clear system to follow.

Any further queries at this stage should be directed to fccexams@fromecollege.org