

On 6 January 2021, the government confirmed that in summer 2021, students taking GCSE, AS and A levels regulated by Ofqual, should be awarded grades based on an assessment by their teachers.

This guidance below outlines the decisions taken by Churchdown in how we will award the centre assessed grades for our students this summer.

<p>What evidence will be used to calculate my child's CAG?</p>	<p>We will be asked to make a holistic judgement of each student's performance on a range of evidence relating to the specification content that they have been taught. Teachers will use evidence of your child's performance from a range of points during the full course of study.</p> <p>We will use evidence of your child's performance from any point during the full course of study, provided we are confident that it reflects their own work. Wherever possible, we will favour using assessed work that has been marked using the exam board's own mark scheme and has followed our own moderation and standardisation protocols. Most likely, this will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal exams using past papers • Extended in-class assessments using exam materials • Coursework <p>There will be a sampling exercise by the exam boards to check for consistency in how grades have been awarded by Churchdown. We will also conduct a sampling of work before submitting grades to the exam boards – again to ensure consistency.</p> <p>The evidence being used has been checked and signed off by the leadership team for every department. This has ensured that we are using a consistent model across all subjects for all students.</p>
<p>How will a grade then be calculated from the range of evidence?</p>	<p>Teachers will use the full range of evidence available for each student against the performance standard set out in the grade descriptors and exemplification material provided by the exam boards. In Churchdown, we have been using a quality assurance operating system over the previous two years. This includes moderation and standardisation of all the students assessed work. Therefore, we can confidently</p>

	say that all exam-based evidence used has been through a rigorous process of quality assurance.
Will my child know what evidence is being used to calculate their CAG?	<p>Yes. All students will be made aware of the sources of evidence. It will be carefully explained to them by their class teacher. Each student will be asked to check and confirm that they are happy with the evidence being used.</p> <p>This information from each department will also be available on the school website at a later date.</p>
Will there be final summer exams this year?	<p>Yes. The exam boards for each subject will publish exam papers and mark schemes. We will use these exams as part of the evidence profile to calculate your child's CAG.</p> <p>I will be publishing the exam dates next week and your child we receive an exam timetable accordingly.</p>
Should we wish to appeal our child's grade, are we able to?	<p>Yes. It is every student's right to appeal their final grade. However, because of the highly rigorous process we are following, and the sampling exercise being carried out by the exam boards, appeals will primarily be based on clerical errors (Grades being entered incorrectly). Full support in the appeals process will be given should it be needed.</p>
Will any internal analysis be carried out?	<p>Yes. We will run our own analysis of the CAGs. The reason for this is to check if the grades entered are broadly in-line with national trends. This will then help further validate the grades entered by Churchdown.</p>
What if my child is in Year 10 or Year 12 and was due to sit Btec modular exams this year?	<p>Your child will receive a grade calculated in the same way as the final year students. They will receive a grade only for the units they were expecting to be examined in.</p>
When are the results days?	<p>For year 13 students, results day is on the 10th of August. For year 11 students, results day is on the 12th of August.</p>