



## Summer 2020 exam result changes: what you need to know

Teacher predicted grades will now be used for GCSEs, AS-levels and A-levels in England, following a government U-turn announced on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August

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### What's changing?

- Originally, teachers put together a set of predicted grades that were given to the exam regulator, Ofqual
- Ofqual put these through an algorithm to create moderated grades. Often the grades created by the algorithm were lower than the ones predicted by teachers. These are the results students were given to year 13 students on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August.
- Now, students will receive the original grades predicted by teachers – unless the moderated grades are higher.

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### When will we get our results?

- **For AS and A-level students**, any student that has been upgraded as a result of this change will have their new grade emailed to their school account by the end of the day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. If any student has any issue logging back into the system please contact Simon Britnell, Network Manager at [SBritnell@nailseaschool.com](mailto:SBritnell@nailseaschool.com)
- **For GCSE pupils**, you will be collecting your results' envelope on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August, as planned. This is likely to be your official result, but we won't know for sure until the following week.
- **For GCSE pupils**, you will get your **official** result the following week (as there may be rare cases where the Ofqual grade is higher than your teacher predicted grade)

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### What happens if my Ofqual grade was higher?

- You will keep whichever grade is higher
- **Your results can't go down as a result of this change, they can only go up**

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### What about university places?

- If your first choice university rejected you based on the results you received on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, and your new results mean that you'd now meet the offer, you should go back to the university and discuss this with them. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with staff at school for further support/guidance if needed.

- The government has told universities to be flexible, and has removed the cap for the number of students universities can accept. However, we can't guarantee that every one of you will get your first choice – some of you may still be disappointed
  - If you've accepted an offer but now want to change it based on your new results, you should be able to "release yourself" from the offer you've accepted
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### Can we still appeal?

- You should still be able to appeal as you would for any normal results, for example if an administrative error has been made during the process
  - The school will make appeals on your behalf – individual pupils or parents can't make appeals themselves
  - You won't be able to appeal based on your mock grade (this was part of the "triple lock" system which was announced before this change – this is no longer in place)
  - There should be more information to come on appeals. We don't yet know if you'll be able to appeal your teacher predicted grades. We'll update you as soon as we know more
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### What about autumn exams?

- As far as we know, you'll still have the opportunity to sit exams in autumn 2020 if we enter you for them. Students that wish to do so should complete the following form: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wC\\_kKVN2UUqnzosIzVoQVYbqs8aRRCJJsYVn6n8y8LVUQkc3MVQyVk05QzdZMEZRTjIMT0UyWlJTvi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wC_kKVN2UUqnzosIzVoQVYbqs8aRRCJJsYVn6n8y8LVUQkc3MVQyVk05QzdZMEZRTjIMT0UyWlJTvi4u)  
The deadline is 30th August at 6pm.
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### Why has this happened now and not last week?

- Gavin Williamson (the Education Secretary) said that the scale of these issues only became "absolutely apparent" over the weekend, which led to this change of plan
  - Both he and Ofqual have apologised for the distress and uncertainty the situation has created
  - We know this has been extremely difficult for our pupils and their families, and we're doing everything we can to support you during this stressful time
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### What about vocational and technical qualifications?

- Most grades for BTECs and other vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs) **won't** be affected by the government's announcement
- This is because most of these grades weren't calculated using the kind of algorithm used for GCSEs and A-levels
- For those that were, Ofqual has asked awarding organisations to review their approach, which it says may lead to a "small proportion" of results being reissued – we'll update you as soon as we know more about this