

Results Days 2020 - Website Entry - Centre Assessed Grades

“On 18 March 2020, the Secretary of State for Education announced that the summer 2020 GCSE, AS and A level exam series would be cancelled in order to help fight the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and that students due to sit the exams would be awarded a grade based on an assessment of the grade they would have been most likely to achieve had exams gone ahead. On 23 March, in a written statement to Parliament, the Secretary of State explained the government’s intention that results would be issued to this year’s cohort based on a range of evidence and data, including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment.”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>

In response to the above document The Aylesbury Vale Academy submitted Centre Assessed Grades for each subject that a student was due to complete in the Summer 2020 exam series. These grades were submitted by teachers who know their students well and routinely assess work at a high degree of accuracy. Teachers considered a range of evidence when calculating a final grade and a vigorous quality process was implemented by Middle and Senior Leaders to ensure fairness and consistency across all subject areas. The accuracy of these grades is a collective responsibility and is not the sole responsibility of any individual Teacher. The process by which these results were ascertained is as follows:

Class teachers submitted a grade based on student attainment prior to the closing of school. These grades were calculated using a variety of materials, including mock examination data, controlled assessment data, class work, any grades that had already been submitted for the examinations (for example BTEC results).

The curriculum leader for the subject initially quality-assured these results looking at the entire cohort of students to ensure fairness and uniformity across the department. Further discussions were had between the curriculum leader and class teacher.

Alongside the class teacher, these results were then ranked by the curriculum leader, and these were further quality assured by their senior line manager. Further discussions were had with class teacher and curriculum leader until all were in agreement.

All results were quality-assured by the Senior Leadership Team, and further discussions were had with class teacher and curriculum leader until all were in agreement.

Results were finalised and input onto examination websites by the curriculum leader, with the examinations officer and a member of the Senior Leadership Team checking the accuracy.

The results that are received on results day have been subject to the statistical processes developed by Ofqual and awarding organisations and in some cases may not reflect the grades that The Aylesbury Vale Academy originally submitted. The process applied by the awarding bodies was designed to ensure grades awarded this year are consistent with those awarded to other cohorts in other years to ensure that they are as valid as in any

other year. Under the extreme circumstances this was considered by Ofqual and the awarding organisations the most appropriate and fairest route to ensure that students are able to continue with the next stages of their lives in the normal way.

Students will be receiving further information on the process in their results envelopes on A-Level and GCSE results days including; what to do if you are not happy with your results, the autumn exam series and support for next steps.

Supporting links:

Ofqual video guide for students:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=fRTyGmUJlrw&feature=youtu.be>

Process for awarding grades infographic:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/887041/6614-4_Infographic_-_Process_for_awarding_GCSEs_AS_and_A_levels_summer_2020.pdf