



Information for GCSE Candidates

St Marks Academy has submitted provisional (centre assessment) grade(s) and rank order(s) to the relevant awarding body in accordance with the Ofqual guidance on Awarding *qualifications in summer 2020*.

Ofqual have decided that students are awarded their Centre Assessment Grade for this summer - that is, the grade their school or college estimated was the grade they would most likely have achieved in their exam. If the standardised grade is higher than the Centre Assessment Grade, then this grade will stand so the student is awarded the higher grade.

St Mark's have used a variety of ways to produce accurate CAGs for each student, including mock exam grades, in class assessments, progress and attainment data etc. Each grade has gone through an internal review and standardisation process, which has been signed off by the Principal and senior leadership team.

BTECs comprise modular units that students complete and are assessed at regular stages during their course of study. We only submitted grades for internal assessment units, which had been completed prior to school closure. Marks for externally assessed units were calculated by Pearson based on a rank order submitted by us.

Arrangements for results day(s)

Results will be emailed to the candidates using the school email account set up for them and they will be able to access them on the results days these results will not be released before (8.00am)

Concerns about your results? Arrangements for appeals

The arrangements for awarding qualifications in summer 2020 state:

Candidates can appeal their grades through their centre if they feel the process this summer was not followed correctly in their case (based on 1 and 2 below.)

A candidate cannot:

- appeal against their centre assessment grades and position in the rank order
- appeal in respect of the process or procedure used by St Mark's Academy in calculating your centre assessment grades and position in the rank order
- appeal directly in any respect to the awarding body (unless a private candidate)
- appeal based on their mock grades

At results time, Ofqual have provided information for students that sets out how their grades were calculated this year and the options available if they believe their result was not properly produced, including access to appeal.

If you have a concern about a grade you have been awarded, you can request in writing to the Data Protection Officer, (snavalta@stmarksacademy.org.uk) to:

1. check whether an error was made when submitting your centre assessment grade to the awarding body
2. raise a complaint with the Data Protection Officer if you feel you have evidence of bias or that you were discriminated against; you could also pass such evidence on to the awarding body who could investigate for potential malpractice
3. provide information about the opportunity to take an exam in the autumn series or in summer 2021 – You will receive a reply from the exam officer about this