

Dear Parent,

On Tuesday 17 August, the Government and Ofqual (the exam regulator) decided that this year's GCSE students will be awarded their Centre Assessed Grade unless their Ofqual-standardised grade was higher.

This letter explains what the Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) are, and what this means for your child's results day. I have also shared the same information with our students.

Centre Assessed Grades

The CAG is the school's professional judgement of the most likely grade a student would have achieved if exams had gone ahead. It is based on a range of evidence including mock exams, non-exam assessment, assignments and any other record of student performance over the course of study.

Teachers, subject leaders and senior leaders worked together to carefully assess this information before making a judgement on the most likely grade. After this, I moderated them and signed them off. They were then sent to the examination board.

The standardisation process has been completed by Ofqual and may result in the award of a higher grade.

On Thursday, students will receive whichever grade is higher and that is the grade they will see on their results sheet.

We have been informed by OCR that Cambridge National course grades will be released on Tuesday 25 August. This affects the following courses:

Engineering Design (DT: Product Design)
Sport Science
Enterprise and Marketing (Business)

Students following these courses will see PENDING on their results sheet. We will re-issue their results on Tuesday 25 August via email. Please be re-assured that we will use the CAG for enrolment purposes.



Results Day

GCSE Results Day will take place on Thursday 20 August. As per the letter sent out last month to both students and parents, each student will be emailed their results at 8.30am. They have also had the opportunity to book a specific time slot to collect their results from the Main Hall. It is vitally important that these times are adhered to, to enable us to meet social distancing requirements and keep everyone safe. If a student does miss their slot, they will then have to wait off-site until 3pm, once all other students have left the site. Could we please ask that any parents attending remain in their vehicles in the Bus Park or, if arriving on foot, remain outside of the school gates for the same purpose.

Sixth Form Enrolment

Sixth Form enrolment will take place in the Leonardo area after students have collected their examination results from the Main Hall.

Resits

When we submitted the CAGs, we used the information available to us in school. It is impossible for us to know how your child may have performed on the day of the exam. If you feel that your child would have performed better on the day of the exam than the grade suggests, they may choose to sit the exam in the Autumn term.

Currently, the exam boards are proposing to offer a full range of exams in most subjects. If you wish to consider doing this, please contact: exams@holderness.academy

We welcome the decision made by Government and Ofqual and feel that it was the only fair and sensible path forward.

We look forward to seeing the students on Thursday to celebrate their results and can assure you that we will support them fully in securing their most suitable pathway choice.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Wilson Headteacher