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1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Dear Student,

We would like to inform you that GCSE results day and provisional enrolment for ECS Sixth Form will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August** at the Cambridge campus. All students are required to attend to collect their GCSE results from the Cambridge Hall. **Students must bring their school ID cards and will be refused entry if these are not presented.**

Students have been allocated a time to arrive at school as follows:

| Surname Initial | Time          |
|-----------------|---------------|
| A-D             | 08:30 – 9:15  |
| E-K             | 09:15 – 10:00 |
| L-O             | 10:00 - 10:45 |
| P-Z             | 10:45 - 11:30 |

Students must arrive at their allocated time by the Cambridge Campus gate. **Any late attendees will have to return between 12:00 and 1pm.** Once GCSE results have been collected, students that have been offered a place will be directed to a member of the Sixth Form team to have their final Sixth Form interview and discuss enrolment.

Any results not collected on this day will be sent by second class post to the address we have on our school database.

If you have any questions regarding Sixth Form please contact our progress leader, Miss Lasker, at [alasker@edact.org.uk](mailto:alasker@edact.org.uk)

### **Appeals process**

Due to the unique circumstances this year regarding examinations and grades, students have the opportunity to appeal their teacher assessed grade (TAG) should they meet the eligibility criteria. Attached is an overleaf with details on the appeals process and further information on questions you may have regarding this.

If you have any questions about the appeals process and/or examinations please contact our Examinations officer, Miss G Boniface at [exams@edact.org.uk](mailto:exams@edact.org.uk)

We would like to remind you that any appeals process would be subject to each exam board's traditional rigorous approach which means that exam grades can be amended either up or down

Yours Sincerely,

**Mr D Bucho**  
**Edmonton Academy Trust: Director of Sixth Forms**

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## TAGs and Appeals process

### **How were my/my child's grades arrived at this year?**

Grades this summer were based on Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). TAGs were submitted to the exam boards by us as a holistic assessment of students' performance in a subject, following a rigorous process of assessment, moderation and quality assurance, largely based on the two cycles of mini-assessments in March and April.

These grades were then approved by the relevant exam board, following external quality assurance checks.

In some cases, the TAGs we submitted may have been reviewed by the exam board, who may have asked us to submit an alternative grade. However, any changes to the grades we submitted were done by professional teachers or reviewers; this year no grades have been changed as a result of an algorithm.

### **What do I do if I'm not happy with my / my child's grade?**

All students have the opportunity to appeal their grade if they meet the eligibility criteria (see below). It is important to note that an appeal may result in a grade being lowered, staying the same, or going up. So if a student puts in an appeal and their grade is lowered, they will receive the lower mark.

There is also the option to resit GCSEs, A levels and some AS levels in the autumn, which may be preferable to some students. The design, content and assessment of these papers will be the same as in a normal year.

### **What are the grounds for appeal?**

There are five main grounds for appeal, as dictated by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). They are:

- You think we have made an **administrative error**: an example of this would be putting the wrong information into a spreadsheet.
- You think we have made a **procedural error**: this means we haven't properly followed our own process, as approved by the exam board. An example of this would be where you've been told you should have received extra time for assessments but this wasn't given in a certain subject.
- You think the **academic judgement on the selection of evidence was unreasonable**: you think the evidence used to grade you was not reasonable.
- You think the **academic judgement on the grade you were given was unreasonable**.

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### **What does 'unreasonable' mean?**

'Unreasonable' is a technical term in this context and means that no educational professional acting reasonably could have selected the same evidence or come up with the same grade.

This means that just because other forms of evidence may have been equally valid to use, the selection of evidence is not unreasonable. Because of the flexibility of the approach this year, every school and college will have used different forms of evidence.

It also means that the independent reviewers will **not** remark or grade students' evidence. Instead, they will look to see whether any teacher acting reasonably could have arrived at the same grade.

### **What will be the outcome of an appeal?**

At either stage of the appeals process (see 'What are the two stages of an appeal?' below), a student's grade may go up, stay the same, or go down. When placing an appeal the student will have to sign a declaration saying that they accept the fact their grade may go down and they may get a lower grade than their original TAG.

### **What should I do before appealing?**

Students must read the JCQ Student and Parent guide before appealing, which will be available on the JCQ website by results days.

We may not be able to offer as much advice and guidance on the likely success of an appeal this summer as we would in normal years, as we have already moderated and quality assured all the grades ourselves.

### **What are the two stages of an appeal?**

All appeals, on any of the grounds above, must first go through a **centre review**. At this stage, we will check for any administrative errors, and check that our policies and procedures were followed correctly. Our policy has already been approved by the exam boards, so we are only ensuring that we followed this properly.

The outcome of the centre review will be communicated to students when made.

At the centre review stage, if we find that a grade should go up or down, we will ask the exam board to change it. They will then consider this request.

Following the outcome of a centre review, students may still choose to pursue an **awarding organisation appeal**. They must fill in the form below, which we will then send on their behalf to the exam boards. Students and parents cannot send appeals directly to the exam board themselves – it must come from us.

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## **How do I make an appeal?**

Following results days, students should fill in the first section of the JCQ form [here](#) and send it to our Examinations Officer, Ms G Boniface, at [exams@edact.org](mailto:exams@edact.org)

## **What are the deadlines for non-priority appeals?**

Non-priority appeals are any A levels, GCSEs or vocational qualifications, where a firm or insurance university place is not pending.

The deadline for submitting a centre review is 3 September; and the deadline for submitting an awarding organisation appeal is 10 September.

Appeals received after these dates may still be considered.

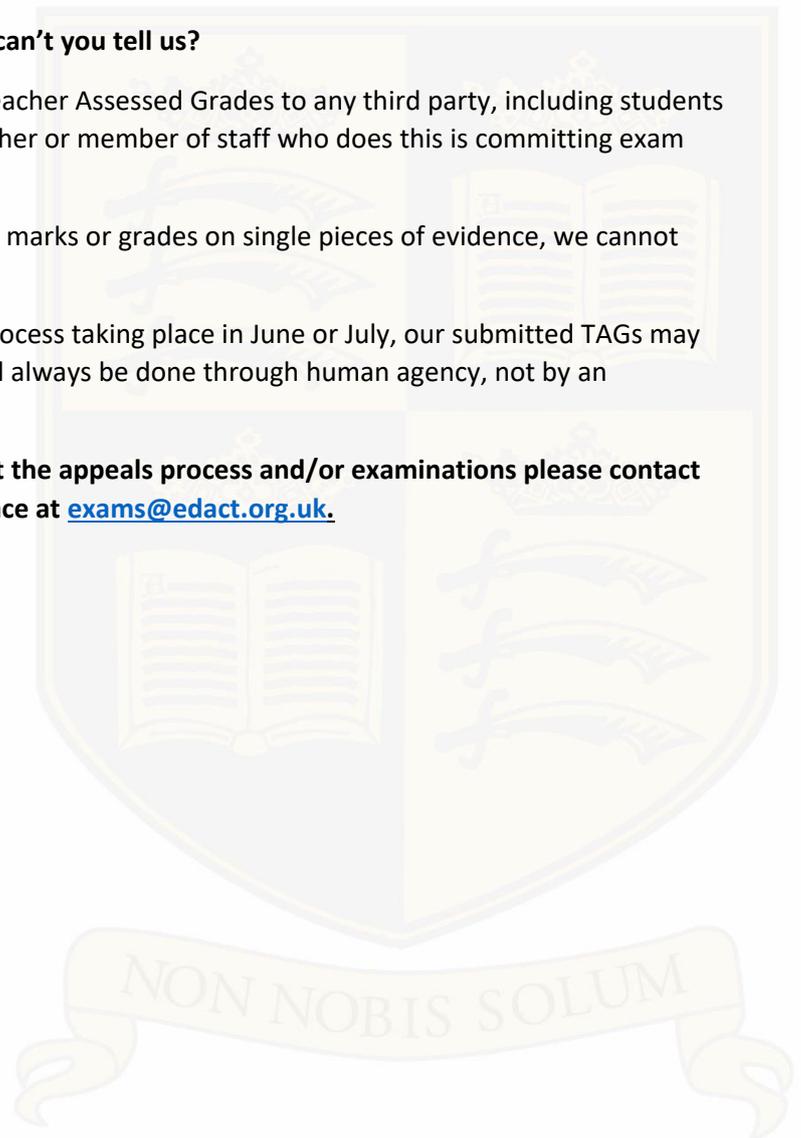
## **You know my/my child's grades. Why can't you tell us?**

We are forbidden from disclosing the Teacher Assessed Grades to any third party, including students and parents, until results days. Any teacher or member of staff who does this is committing exam malpractice.

Although students may have been given marks or grades on single pieces of evidence, we cannot disclose the final submitted TAG.

During the external quality assurance process taking place in June or July, our submitted TAGs may be moved up or down (although this will always be done through human agency, not by an algorithm).

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