

Thomas Mills High School Centre Grade Assessment Policy

FOR A/AS LEVELS AND GCSES FOR SUMMER 2021

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Statement of intent

This section outlines the purpose of this document in relation to our centre.

Statement of Intent

This section provides details of the purpose of this document, as appropriate to our centre:

The purpose of this policy is:

- *To ensure that teacher assessed grades are determined fairly, consistently, free from bias and effectively within and across departments.*
- *To support students and their parents to understand the procedure and provide confidence in the awarding of grades.*
- *To ensure the operation of effective processes with clear guidelines and support for staff.*
- *To ensure that all staff involved in the processes clearly understand their roles and responsibilities.*
- *To support teachers to take evidence-based decisions in line with Joint Council for Qualifications guidance.*
- *To ensure the consideration of historical centre data in the process, and the appropriate decision making in respect of, teacher assessed grades.*
- *To support a high standard of internal quality assurance in the allocation of teacher assessed grades.*
- *To support our centre in meeting its obligations in relation to equality legislation.*
- *To ensure our centre meets all requirements set out by the Department of Education, Ofqual, the Joint Council for Qualifications and awarding organisations for Summer 2021 qualifications.*
- *To ensure the process for communicating to candidates and their parents/carers how they will be assessed is clear, in order to give confidence.*
- *To ensure that any possible conflicts of interest are assessed for risk and appropriate management procedures established to ensure fairness and transparency.*

Grades will be submitted for students who are studying for course in line with our normal curriculum:

- *A-Level: Upper Sixth Students in their second or third year of study*
- *Level 3 Extended Certificate: Upper Sixth Students in their second or third year of study*
- *Level 3 Certificate: Lower Sixth or Upper Sixth Students in their first year of study*
- *GCSEs: Year 11 pupils and Sixth Form Students who were identified before January 2021.*
- *NVQ in Global Business Communications: Year 11 and Year 10 pupils in their second year of study.*

- *GCSE: Private candidates over the age of 16 who have a close prior relationship with the school.*
- *A-Level: Private candidates over the age of 18 who have a close prior relationship with the school.*



Roles and responsibilities

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the personnel in our centre who have specific roles and responsibilities in the process of determining teacher assessed grades this year.

Roles and Responsibilities

This section gives details of the roles and responsibilities within our centre:

Head of Centre

- *Our Head of Centre, Mr P. Hurst (PHu), will be responsible for approving our policy for determining teacher assessed grades.*
- *Our Head of Centre has overall responsibility for the school as an examinations centre and will ensure that clear roles and responsibilities of all staff are defined.*
- *Our Head of Centre will confirm that teacher assessed grade decisions represent the academic judgement made by teachers and that the checks in place ensure these align with the guidance on standards provided by awarding organisations.*
- *Our Head of Centre will ensure a robust internal quality assurance process has been produced and signed-off in advance of results being submitted.*

Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Department

Our Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Departments will:

- *provide training and support to our other staff.*
- *support the Head of Centre in the quality assurance of the final teacher assessed grades.*
- *ensure an effective approach within and across departments and authenticating the preliminary outcome from single teacher subjects.*
- *be responsible for ensuring staff have a clear understanding of the internal and external quality assurance processes and their role within it.*
- *ensure that all teachers within their department make consistent judgements about student evidence in deriving a grade.*
- *ensure all staff conduct assessments under the appropriate levels of control with reference to guidance provided by the Joint Council for Qualifications.*
- *ensure teachers have the information required to make accurate and fair judgments.*
- *ensure that a Head of Department Checklist is completed for each qualification that they are submitting.*

Teachers/ Specialist Teachers / SENCo

Our teachers, specialist teachers and SENCo will:

- *ensure they conduct assessments under our centre's appropriate levels of control and have sufficient evidence, in line with this Centre Policy and guidance from the Joint Council for Qualifications, to provide teacher assessed grades for each student they have entered for a qualification.*
- *ensure that the teacher assessed grade they assign to each student is a fair, valid and reliable reflection of the assessed evidence available for each student.*

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- *make judgements based on what each student has been taught and what they have been assessed on, as outlined in the section on grading in the main JCQ guidance.*
- *produce an Assessment Record for each subject cohort, that includes the nature of the assessment evidence being used, the level of control for assessments considered, and any other evidence that explains the determination of the final teacher assessed grades. Any necessary variations for individual students will also be recorded.*
- *securely store and be able to retrieve sufficient evidence to justify their decisions.*

Examinations Officer

Our Examinations Officer, Mrs K. Lomax (Klo) will:

- *be responsible for the administration of our final teacher assessed grades and for managing the post-results services.*
- *Be responsible for controlling access to secure areas of exam websites, including those areas with assessment materials and grade submission areas.*
- *Will support Senior Leadership Team in the administration and coordination of the Internal and External Quality Assurance Process*

Key Roles and Responsibilities

Mr P. Hurst (PHu): Head of Centre

Mr M. Wheeler (MWh): Deputy Headteacher: Oversight and management of appeals.

Miss L. Armes (LAr): Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral): QA Team

Mr A. Cann (ACa): Assistant Headteacher (Head of Sixth Form): QA of A-Level and AS-Level assessments and grades (*other than those covered by Conflict of Interest RM*). HoD guidance and advice.

Mr. M. Ward (MWa): Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum): QA of GCSE, Vocational Qualifications (*qualifications covered by CofI RM*). Oversight of initial Grade Submission. HoD guidance and advice.

Mr R. Hanley (RHa): Director of Music and Senior Teacher: QA Team

Mr A. Chittock (ACh): Deputy Head of VIth Form and Senior Tutor: QA Team

Miss H Lambert (HLa): Head of RS and Staff Development Officer: QA Team.

Mr M. Heath (MHe): Head of MFL and Professional Tutor: QA Team

Mrs K. Lomax (KLo): Examinations Officer

Mrs S. Goodwin (SGo): Deputy Head of Sixth Form: Head of Upper VIth

Mr A. Jeffery (AJe): Head of Year 11

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Training, support and guidance

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the training, support and guidance that our centre will provide to those determining teacher assessed grades this year.

Training

This section provides details of the approach our centre will take to *training, support and guidance in determining teacher assessed grades this year*

- *ACa and MWa will be responsible for dissemination of guidance to HoDs. HoDs will be responsible for training of teachers within their teams.*
- *HoDs will engage fully with training and guidance given by the centre and will be responsible for engaging with subject specific training offered by awarding organisations.*
- *Teachers involved in determining grades in our centre will attend any centre-based training to help achieve consistency and fairness to all students.*
- *Teachers will engage fully with all training and support that has been provided by the Joint Council for Qualifications and the awarding organisations.*

Support for Newly Qualified Teachers and teachers less familiar with assessment

This section provides details of our approach to *training, support and guidance for newly qualified teachers and teachers less familiar with assessment*

- *MHe is responsible for ensuring that NQTs get appropriate mentoring, guidance and support from HoDs.*
- *We will provide mentoring from experienced teachers to NQTs and teachers less familiar with assessment.*
- *We will put in place additional internal reviews of teacher assessed grades for NQTs and other teachers as appropriate. This may include support from other centres.*

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Use of appropriate evidence

This section of our Centre Policy indicates how our centre will give due regard to the section in the JCQ guidance entitled: *Guidance on grading for teachers*.

A. Use of evidence

This section gives details in relation to our use of evidence.

- *Teachers making judgements will have regard to the Ofqual Head of Centre guidance on recommended evidence, and further guidance provided by awarding organisations.*
- *All candidate evidence acquired since 15th March 2021 used to determine teacher assessed grades, and associated documentation, will be retained and made available for the purposes of external quality assurance and appeals.*
- *We will be using student work produced in response to assessment materials provided by our awarding organisation(s), including groups of questions, past papers or similar materials such as practice or sample papers.*
- *We will use non-exam assessment work (often referred to as coursework), even if this has not been fully completed.*
- *We will use student work produced in centre-devised tasks that reflect the specification, that follow the same format as awarding organisation materials, and have been marked in a way that reflects awarding organisation mark schemes.*
- *We will use substantial class or homework (including work that took place during remote learning).*
- *We will use internal tests taken by pupils.*
- *We will use mock exams taken over the course of study.*
- *We will use records of a student's capability and performance over the course of study in performance-based subjects such as music, drama and PE.*

We provide further detail in the following areas:

Additional Assessment Materials

- *We may, where appropriate, use additional assessment materials to give students the opportunity to show what they know, understand or can do in an area of content that has been taught but not yet assessed.*
- *We may, where appropriate, use additional assessment materials to give students an opportunity to show improvement, for example, to validate or replace an existing piece of evidence.*
- *We may, where appropriate, use additional assessment materials to support consistency of judgement between teachers or classes by giving everyone the same task to complete.*
- *We may, where appropriate, combine and/or remove elements of questions where, for example, a multi-part question includes a part which focuses on an element of the specification that hasn't been taught.*

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Our centre will ensure the appropriateness of evidence and balance of evidence in arriving at grades in the following ways:

- *We will consider the level of control under which an assessment was completed, for example, whether the evidence was produced under high control and under supervision or at home.*
- *We will ensure that we are able to authenticate the work as the student's own, especially where that work was not completed within the school or college.*
- *We will consider the limitations of assessing a student's performance when using assessments that have been completed more than once, or drafted and redrafted, where this is not a skill being assessed.*
- *We will consider the specification and assessment objective coverage of the assessment.*
- *We will consider the depth and breadth of knowledge, understanding and skills assessed, especially higher order skills within individual assessments.*

Determining teacher assessed grades

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach our centre will take to awarding teacher assessed grades.

Awarding teacher assessed grades based on evidence

We give details here of our centre's approach to awarding teacher assessed grades.

- *Our teachers will determine grades based on evidence which is commensurate with the standard at which a student is performing, i.e. their demonstrated knowledge, understanding and skills across the content of the course they have been taught.*
- *Our teachers will record how the evidence was used to arrive at a fair and objective grade, which is free from bias.*
- *Our teachers will produce an Assessment Record for each subject cohort and will share this with their QA Team. Any necessary variations for individual students will be recorded by teachers and shared with HoD and QA team.*

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Internal quality assurance

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach our centre will take to ensure internal standardisation of teacher assessed grades, to ensure consistency, fairness and objectivity of decisions.

Head of Centre Internal Quality Assurance and Declaration

Internal quality assurance

This section gives details of our approach to internal standardisation, within and across subject departments.

- *We will ensure that all teachers involved in deriving teacher assessed grades read and understand this Centre Policy document.*
- *In subjects where there is more than one teacher and/or class in the department, we will ensure that the department carries out an internal standardisation process. Records of this process will be kept by the department for inspection by both internal and external QA teams.*
- *Heads of Department will ensure that all teachers are provided with training and support to ensure they take a consistent approach to:*
 - *Arriving at teacher assessed grades*
 - *Marking of evidence*
 - *Reaching a holistic grading decision*
 - *Applying the use of grading support and documentation*
- *Departments will conduct internal standardisation across all grades.*
- *HoDs will ensure that the Assessment Record will form the basis of internal standardisation and discussions across teachers to agree the awarding of teacher assessed grades.*
- *QA Team will review the Assessments Records and Internal Standardisation Process*
- *QA team will use data from comparison to previous cohorts and statistical analysis (see Page 9) to sample, review and reflect on individual grading decisions to ensure alignment with the standards as outlined by our awarding organisation(s).*
- *Where appropriate, departments will amend individual grade decisions to ensure alignment with the standards as outlined by our awarding organisation(s).*
- *Where there is only one teacher involved in marking assessments and determining grades, then the output of this activity will be reviewed by an appropriate member of staff within the centre.*
 - *In Food and Nutrition, the review will be undertaken by the Head of Technology alongside the QA team.*
 - *In Media Studies, the review will undertaken by the Head of English alongside the QA Team.*
 - *In Computer Science, Latin and Classical Civilisation, we will work with colleagues from other departments alongside the QA team.*
- *In respect of equality legislation, we will consider the range of evidence for students of different protected characteristics that are included in our internal standardisation.*
- *MWA is responsible for ensure Heads of Year have alerted departments to any special consideration that should be applied to the awarding of grades to individual candidates.*

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Comparison of teacher assessed grades to results for previous cohorts

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach we will take to compare our teacher assessed grades in 2021 with results from previous cohorts.

Comparison of Teacher Assessed Grades to results for previous cohorts

This section gives details of our internal process to ensure a comparison of teacher assessed grades at qualification level to results for previous cohorts in our centre taking the same qualification.

- *We will compile information on the grades awarded to our students in past June series in which exams took place (e.g. 2017 - 2019).*
- *We will consider the size of our cohort from year to year.*
- *We will consider the stability of our centre's overall grade outcomes from year to year.*
- *We will consider both subject and centre level variation in our outcomes during the internal quality assurance process.*
- *We will prepare a succinct narrative on the outcomes of the review against historic data which, in the event of significant divergence from the qualifications-levels profiles attained in previous examined years, which address the reasons for this divergence. This commentary will be available for subsequent review during the QA process.*
- *We will compile historical data giving appropriate regard to potential mixtures of A*-G and 9-1 grades in GCSEs. This is recorded on the 4Matrix system.*
- *Data for year groups prior to March 2020 will be compared to the current cohort will be recorded on 4Matrix system.*
- *Prior attainment data (KS2/GCSE).*
- *Initial grade submission to KLO will occur before 28th May 2021.*
- *MWa and ACa will then make data comparison available to QA teams during their reviews in week commencing 7th June 2021.*

This section gives details of the approach our centre will follow if our initial teacher assessed grades for a qualification are viewed as overly lenient or harsh compared to results in previous years.

- *QA internal review will occur during week commencing 7th June 2021.*
- *Where subject submissions are viewed as broadly in line with expectations, QA team will review departments internal procedures and randomly sample individual records to ensure fairness and consistency of standards. Any anomalies observed during the statistical analysis will also be sampled.*
- *Where subject submission are viewed as overly lenient or harsh, QA team will discuss data with HoD and sample individual records. This sampling will be both random and some selected anomalies.*
- *Where the QA team feel the department's grades are justified, a brief summary of reasons will be recorded and be made available in the event of an external QA process occurring.*
- *Where the QA team feel the department's grades are unjustly harsh or overly lenient, they will direct the department to alter the grades in light of these findings. A brief summary of the review will be recorded and passed to the Head of Centre.*

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This section gives details of changes in our cohorts that need to be reflected in our comparisons.

- *We will omit subjects that we no longer offer from the historical data.*
- *We will take prior attainment (KS2 and GCSE) into consideration.*
- *At GCSE we will compare the estimated grades for each cohort when comparing previous performance.*
- *In subjects where there has been a significant change to the entry profiles (e.g. MFL) this will be taken into consideration during this process.*

Access Arrangements and Special Considerations

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach our centre will take to provide students with appropriate access arrangements and take into account mitigating circumstances in particular instances.

Reasonable adjustments and mitigating circumstances (special consideration)

This section gives details of our approach to access arrangements and mitigating circumstances (special consideration).

- *Where students have agreed access arrangements or reasonable adjustments (for example a reader or scribe) we will make every effort to ensure that these arrangements are in place when assessments are being taken.*
- *Where an assessment has taken place without an agreed reasonable adjustment or access arrangement, we will remove that assessment from the basket of evidence and alternative evidence obtained.*
- *MWa & ACa will ensure that Heads of Year have read and understood the document: [JCQ – A guide to the special consideration process, with effect from 1 September 2020](#)*
- *HoYs will consult with MWa/ACa if they believe that illness or other personal circumstances might have affected performance in assessments used in determining a student's standard of performance.*
- *If MWa/ACa and HoY believe illness or other personal circumstances might have affected performance in assessments used in determining a student's standard of performance, we will instruct teachers and HoDs to take account of this when making judgements.*
- *We will ensure all relevant teachers have read and understood the document: [JCQ – A guide to the special consideration process, with effect from 1 September 2020](#)*
- *We will record, as part of the Assessment Record, how we have incorporated any necessary variations to take account of the impact of illness or personal circumstances on the performance of individual students in assessments.*

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Addressing disruption/differential lost learning (DLL)

B. Addressing Disruption/Differentiated Lost Learning (DLL)

This section gives details of our approach to address disruption or differentiated lost teaching.

- Teacher assessed grades will be determined based on evidence of the content that has been taught and assessed for each student.
- A variety of opportunities will be afforded to all pupils and teachers will use those sources of evidence most suitable for the individual's personal circumstances and experiences.



Objectivity

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the arrangements in place to ensure objectivity of decisions.

Objectivity

This section gives a summary of the arrangements in place within our centre in relation to objectivity.

Staff will fulfil their duties and responsibilities in relation to relevant equality and disability legislation.

Senior Leaders, Heads of Department and the QA team will consider:

- *sources of unfairness and bias (situations/contexts, difficulty, presentation and format, language, conditions for assessment, marker preconceptions);*
- *how to minimise bias in questions and marking and hidden forms of bias); and*
- *bias in teacher assessed grades*
- *Staff Development Officer and Professional Tutor will develop guidance and training on unfairness and bias.*

To ensure objectivity, all staff involved in determining teacher assessed grades will be made aware that:

- *unconscious bias can skew judgements;*
- *the evidence presented should be valued for its own merit as an indication of performance and attainment;*
- *teacher assessed grades should not be influenced by candidates' positive or challenging personal circumstances, character, behaviour, appearance, socio-economic background, or protected characteristics;*
- *unconscious bias is more likely to occur when quick opinions are formed; and*
- *we will ensure all staff have engaged with guidance and training on unconscious bias and strategies to employ.*

Our internal standardisation process will help to ensure that there are different perspectives to the quality assurance process.



Recording decisions and retention of evidence and data

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our arrangements to recording decisions and to retaining evidence and data.

C. Recording Decisions and Retention of Evidence and Data

This section outlines our approach to recording decisions and retaining evidence and data.

- *We will ensure that teachers and Heads of Departments maintain records that show how the teacher assessed grades process operated, including the rationale for decisions in relation to individual marks/grades.*
- *We will ensure that evidence is maintained across a variety of tasks to develop a holistic view of each student's demonstrated knowledge, understanding and skills in the areas of content taught.*
- *We will put in place recording requirements for the various stages of the process to ensure the accurate and secure retention of the evidence used to make decisions.*
- *We will comply with our obligations regarding data protection legislation.*
- *We will ensure that the grades accurately reflect the evidence submitted.*
- *We will ensure that the evidence stored is available to the Appeals team from August 10th 2021.*
- *We will ensure that evidence is retained electronically or on paper in a secure centre-based system that can be readily shared with our awarding organisation(s).*
- *All paper-based evidence will be kept in the exam storeroom from 18th June until the final date for appeals has passed.*
- *Evidence used during an appeal will be stored securely in exam storeroom until the appeals process has been completed.*
- *Data will be stored on both the school system and on an external hard drive to mitigate the effects of any systems failure or breach of cyber-security. These will be kept securely in the Exam Storeroom.*
- *Access to internal electronic data and paper evidence after 18th June will be limited to Examinations Officer, Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum), Deputy Headteacher and the Head of Centre.*



Authenticating evidence

D. Authenticating evidence

This section of our Centre Policy details the mechanisms in place to ensure that teachers are confident in the authenticity of evidence, and the process for dealing with cases where evidence is not thought to be authentic.

- *Robust mechanisms, will be in place to ensure that teachers are confident that work used as evidence is the students' own and that no inappropriate levels of support have been given to students to complete it, either within the centre or with external tutors. This will include which will include triangulation of data collected under high, medium and low control.*
- *All candidates will sign declarations for completed (and incomplete) NEA work.*
- *Departments should report any concerns to ACa or MWA.*
- *If it is decided that the work is not a candidates own, this work will not be used as evidence and further sanctions will be considered.*
- *Candidates will have the right to appeal through MWh.*
- *It is understood that awarding organisations will investigate instances where it appears evidence is not authentic. We will follow all guidance provided by awarding organisations to support these determinations of authenticity.*

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Confidentiality, malpractice and conflicts of interest

Confidentiality

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the measures in place to ensure the confidentiality of the grades our centre determines, and to make students aware of the range of evidence on which those grades will be based.

A. Confidentiality

This section details the measures in place in our centre to maintain the confidentiality of grades, while sharing information regarding the range of evidence on which the grades will be based.

- *All staff involved have been made aware of the need to maintain the confidentiality of teacher assessed grades.*
- *All teaching staff have been briefed on the requirement to share details of the range of evidence on which students' grades will be based, while ensuring that details of the final grades remain confidential.*
- *Relevant details from this Policy, including requirements around sharing details of evidence and the confidentiality requirements, have been shared with parents/guardians.*



Malpractice

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the measures in place to prevent malpractice and other breaches of exam regulations, and to deal with such cases if they occur.

B. Malpractice

This section details the measures in place in our centre to prevent malpractice and, where that proves impossible, to handle cases in accordance with awarding organisation requirements.

- *Our general centre policies regarding malpractice, maladministration and conflicts of interest have been reviewed to ensure they address the specific challenges of delivery in Summer 2021.*
- *All staff involved have been made aware of these policies, and have received training in them as necessary.*
- *All staff involved have been made aware of the specific types of malpractice which may affect the Summer 2021 series including:*
 - *breaches of internal security;*
 - *deception;*
 - *improper assistance to students;*
 - *failure to appropriately authenticate a student's work;*
 - *over direction of students in preparation for common assessments;*
 - *allegations that centres submit grades not supported by evidence that they know to be inaccurate;*
 - *centres enter students who were not originally intending to certificate a grade in the Summer 2021 series;*
 - *failure to engage as requested with awarding organisations during the External Quality Assurance and appeal stages; and*
 - *failure to keep appropriate records of decisions made and teacher assessed grades.*
- *The consequences of malpractice or maladministration as published in the JCQ guidance: [JCQ Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures](#) and including the risk of a delay to students receiving their grades, up to, and including, removal of centre status have been outlined to all relevant staff.*

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Conflicts of Interest

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the measures in place to address potential conflicts of interest.

C. Conflicts of Interest

This section details our approach to addressing conflicts of interest, and how we will respond to such allegations.

- *To protect the integrity of assessments, all staff involved in the determination of grades must declare any conflict of interest such as relationships with students to our Head of Centre for further consideration.*
- *Our Head of Centre will take appropriate action to manage any conflicts of interest arising with centre staff in accordance with the JCQ documents - [General Regulations for Approved Centres, 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021](#).*
- *We will also carefully consider the need if to separate duties and personnel to ensure fairness in later process reviews and appeals.*
- *Where staff are deemed to have a conflict of interest, they will not be directly involved in the assessment, standardisation, review or submission of grades for the subject cohorts a member of which they have a close relationship. (See Conflict of Interest Register and Risk management procedures)*

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Private candidates

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our approach to working with Private Candidates to arrive at appropriate grades.

A. Private Candidates

This section details our approach to providing and quality assuring grades to Private Candidates.

- *We will only accept private candidates with whom we have a close prior relationship. These may include*
 - *Candidates who were entered for qualifications at Thomas Mills High School in 2019 – 2020 and wish to be re-entered*
 - *Employees who had already expressed an interest in being entered for a qualification before January 2021 and who can provide suitable evidence, including some completed under high control.*
- *Our arrangements for assessing Private Candidates to arrive at appropriate grades are identical to the approaches utilised for internal candidates.*
- *Where it has been necessary to utilise different approaches, the **JCQ Guidance on Private Candidates** has been followed and any divergences from our approach for internal candidates have been recorded on the appropriate class/student documentation.*
- *In undertaking the review of cohort grades in conjunction with our centre results profiles from previous examined years, the grades determined by our centre for Private Candidates have been excluded from our analysis.*



External Quality Assurance

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the arrangements in place to comply with awarding organisation arrangements for External Quality Assurance of teacher assessed grades in a timely and effective way.

A. External Quality Assurance

This section outlines the arrangements we have in place to ensure the relevant documentation and assessment evidence can be provided in a timely manner for the purposes of External Quality Assurance sampling, and that staff can be made available to respond to enquiries.

- *All staff involved have been made aware of the awarding organisation requirements for External Quality Assurance as set out in the **JCQ Guidance**.*
- *All necessary records of decision-making in relation to determining grades have been properly kept and can be made available for review as required.*
- *All student evidence on which decisions regarding the determination of grades has been retained (where possible) and can be made available for review as required.*
- *Instances where student evidence used to decide teacher assessed grades is not available, for example where the material has previously been returned to students and cannot now be retrieved, will be clearly recorded on the appropriate documentation.*
- *All staff involved have been briefed on the possibility of interaction with awarding organisations during the different stages of the External Quality Assurance process and can respond promptly and fully to enquiries, including attendance at Virtual Visits should this prove necessary.*
- *Arrangements are in place to respond fully and promptly to any additional requirements/reviews that may be identified as a result of the External Quality Assurance process.*
- *Staff have been made aware that a failure to respond fully and effectively to such additional requirements may result in further action by the awarding organisations, including the withholding of results.*



Results

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our approach to the receipt and issue of results to students and the provision of necessary advice and guidance.

A. Results

This section details our approach to the issue of results to students and the provision of advice and guidance.

- *All staff involved have been made aware of the specific arrangements for the issue of results in Summer 2021, including the issuing of A/AS and GCSE results in the same week.*
- *Arrangements will be made to ensure the necessary staffing, including exams office and support staff, to enable the efficient receipt and release of results to our students.*
- *Arrangements will be in place for the provision of all necessary advice, guidance and support, including pastoral support, to students on receipt of their results.*
- *Such guidance will include advice on the appeals process in place in 2021 (see below).*
- *Appropriate staff will be available to respond promptly to any requests for information from awarding organisations, for example regarding missing or incomplete results, to enable such issues to be swiftly resolved.*
- *Parents/guardians have been made aware of arrangements for results days.*

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Appeals

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our approach to Appeals, to ensure that they are handled swiftly and effectively, and in line with JCQ requirements.

A. Appeals

This section details our approach to managing appeals, including Centre Reviews, and subsequent appeals to awarding organisations.

- *All staff involved have been made aware of the arrangements for, and the requirements of, appeals in Summer 2021, as set out in the **JCQ Guidance**.*
- *MWh is responsible for the appeals process. He has been excluded from the grade awarding, internal QA review and submission process so as to avoid any possible conflict of interest.*
- *MWh will, where necessary, work with nominated governors to investigate and adjudicate on the internal appeals process.*
- *Internal arrangements will be in place for the swift and effective handling of Centre Reviews in compliance with the requirements.*
- *All necessary staff have been briefed on the process for, and timing of, such reviews, and will be available to ensure their prompt and efficient handling.*
- *Learners have been appropriately guided as to the necessary stages of appeal.*
- *Arrangements will be in place for the timely submission of appeals to awarding organisations, including any priority appeals, for example those on which university places depend.*
- *Arrangements will be in place to obtain the written consent of students to the initiation of appeals, and to record their awareness that grades may go down as well as up on appeal.*
- *Appropriate information on the appeals process will be provided to parents/carers.*
- *See appeals procedure document 2021*