

2020 Appeals and resit guidance

We understand how unsettling the last few months have been for you due to the cancellation of the summer exams. The grades you have received this year will carry the same value as any other year so that you are able to compete on a level playing field with students from previous and future years. This guide will help you understand how your results have been awarded this year and where to find out more information.

Awarding of grades:

Your teachers were asked to submit a best-fit grade for you based on evidence that they had of mock exams, coursework, and any other form of assessment that has taken place over the duration of the course. These grades were moderated internally and submitted to exam boards. Exam boards have done further standardisation of the grades using statistical models developed with Ofqual.

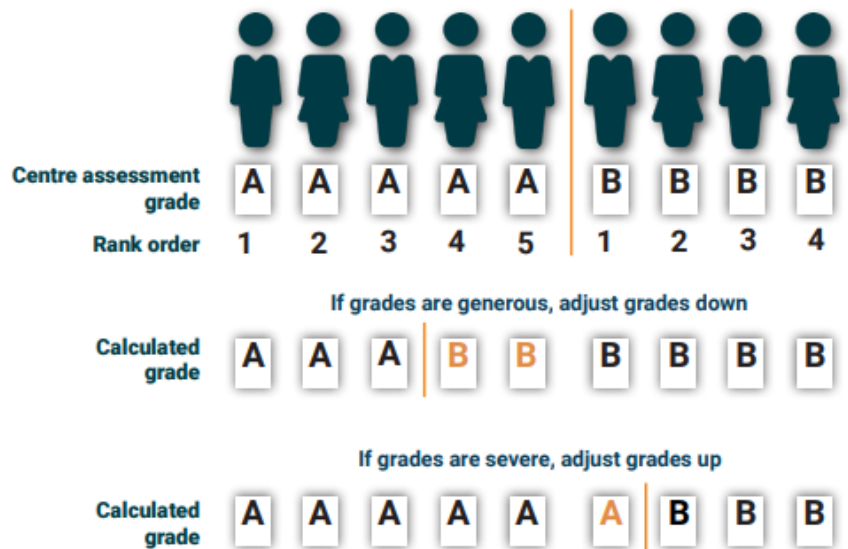


- Your school or college was asked to consider a range of evidence to inform your centre assessment grades. They are not the same as your target grade, predicted grade or mock result.
- Your school or college was asked to provide a rank order of students within each grade in a subject, based on who they felt was most secure in achieving that grade. The rank order is needed for the statistical standardisation process to work in the fairest way possible.
- Your centre assessment grade and place in the rank order was agreed by at least 2 teachers and confirmed by your head teacher or college principal as a true representation of your performance.
- The circumstances meant teachers could not use a nationwide approach as they made their judgements and exam boards could not directly check the judgements. All grades have been standardised to make sure the same standard is applied across different schools and colleges.

Statistical standardisation

What results might the school or college be most likely to achieve given the following:

- previous national results in the subject
- the prior attainment of its students this year compared to previous years
- the school or college results in recent years



What to do if you are unhappy with your results:

The first thing you should do is contact the academy to discuss the basis of the query and on what basis you can/cannot appeal your results. To do this please telephone the academy to book an appointment to speak to a member of the senior team who will discuss your grounds for appeal and decide whether to pursue or alternatively email ResultsDay2020@lfatsf.org.uk with your reasons for appeal and a member of the team will be in contact to discuss. Appeals may only be submitted by the academy on your behalf in some cases we may lodge an appeal prior to discussion. The deadline for appeals is 17th September 2020.

Grounds for appeal:

- You think that there was a mistake when the academy submitted your grade – you can request to know your Centre assessment grade and rank order within the grade
- You think the exam board made a mistake when calculating the grade – we can appeal if the wrong data has been used when calculating the grade awarded or the grade was communicated incorrectly.
- You think your result has been awarded as a matter of bias/discrimination – If you believe that the academy did not behave with care or integrity when determining the Centre assessment grade or rank you should raise this with a member of the senior team to investigate further.

Not grounds for appeal:

- I do not agree with my centre assessment grade – the centre assessment grades were moderated at the point of entry based on evidence available to staff. These have then been standardised nationally and as such cannot be considered as a ground for appeal.

What to do if you are not able to appeal:

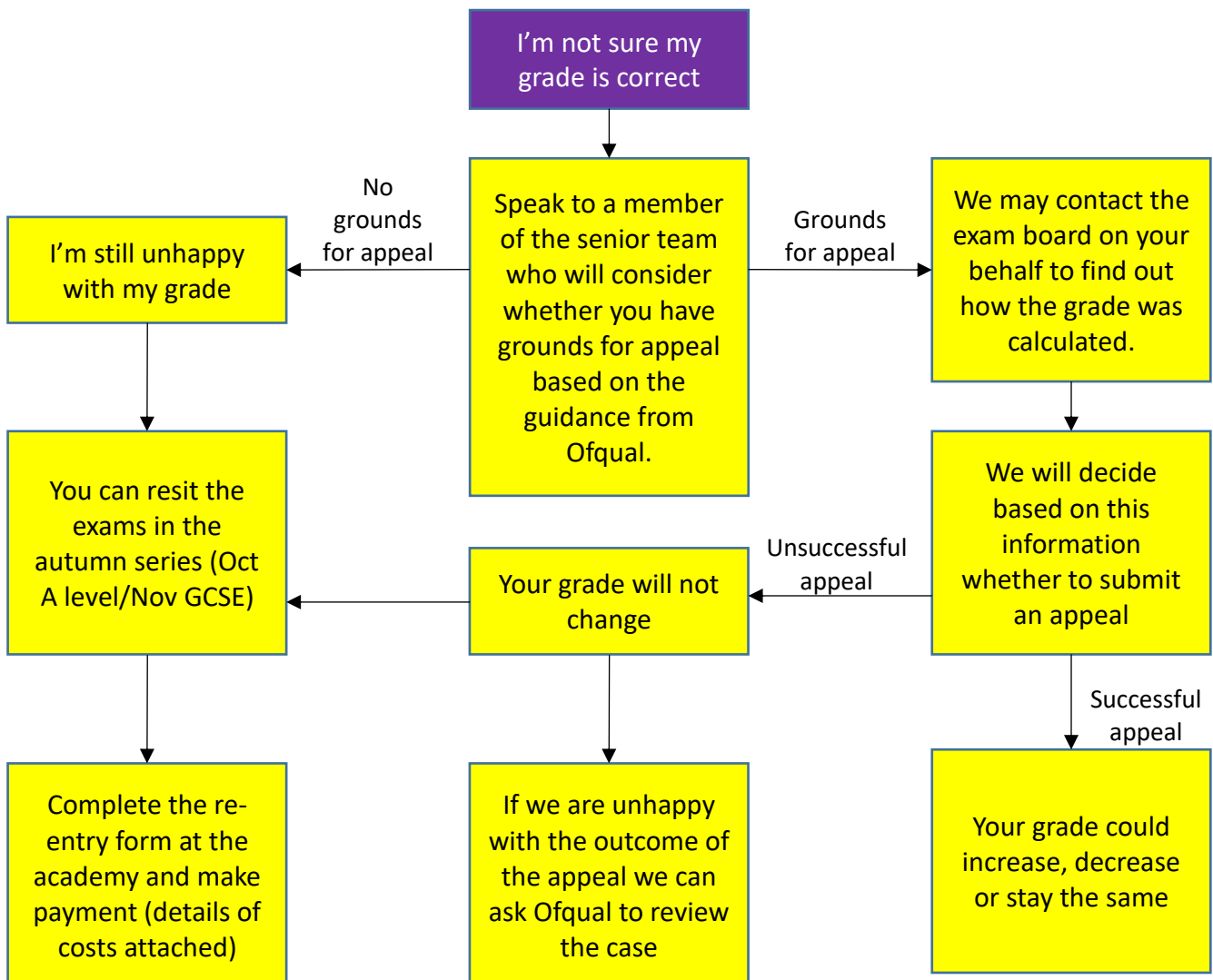
If you are unhappy with your result and there are no grounds for appeal, you may resit the examined aspects of the course in the Autumn exam series. The autumn exam series will provide all students the opportunity to sit the exam papers to improve their grade. You are liable for the cost of any subjects you wish to be re-entered for and the cost varies from course to course. To find out the cost prior to making a decision please email EXAMS@LFATQ.org.uk

- You do not have to sit the exams of all subjects that you studied, however for any subject that you are reattempting you will need to sit all exams for the chosen course
- If you choose to resit a subject the higher of the two grades will stand however any previous coursework can no longer be used so all subjects are 100% exam based

- The exam will be facilitated at our academy unless there is an exception such as moving too far away to travel. In this case, you should contact local schools/colleges in the area.
- You can only sit autumn exams in subjects that you were entered for in the summer series.
- The normal range of reasonable adjustments and access arrangements will be made for any resit exams.

Exam Dates	Deadlines for entry
AS & A level – 5 th October to 23 rd October	AS & A levels –28 th August
GCSE – 2 nd November to 23 rd November	GCSE except English language or Maths –11 th September
	GCSE in English Language & Maths –28 th September

Appeals summary:



All information in this document has been collated using guidance from Ofqual. If you have any further queries please see the full range of documents or see the separate [Ofquals student guide](#)

- Ofqual's [summary article](#) of the appeal arrangements (published 6 August 2020).
- Ofqual's [consultation decision and guidance](#) on the extraordinary regulatory framework, General Qualifications COVID-19.
- Ofqual's [video on YouTube](#) (targeted at students), uploaded on 6 August 2020.
- Ofqual [guidance](#) (for teachers, students, parents and carers).