



Formulation of grades

The following information summarises key messages that have been sent out to Year 11 and 13 parents and students via letter since changes to examinations were announced.

The letter from Ofqual can be found [here](#).

1. The aim is to ensure that all students receive grades that are fair and do not disadvantage any student.
2. Schools will be required to provide the exam boards with the grade they believe students were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned
3. Schools will be asked to provide for each subject, the order of students at your school or college, by performance, for each grade. This information will be used to standardise judgements – allowing fine tuning of the standard applied across schools and colleges. This is to make sure that all students in all schools are awarded grades in a fair and consistent manner.
4. Schools will consider a range of things like students' classwork and homework; students results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework students might have done; and students general progress during their course.
5. Exam boards will then consider these grades from all schools and decide what grade each student will receive.
6. Schools are not allowed to share the grades they submit for each student with the student. This is to be kept confidential. The only grade that will be shared is the one that the Exam board awards.
7. If a student is unhappy with the grade that the exam board awards then there will be an appeals process to the exam boards. Furthermore, plans are being made to allow students opportunities to sit exams in the Autumn term – more detail will follow explaining this process.

The academy appreciates that there will still be many questions over this process and we will look to answer these as best we can when we have had time to work through the finer detail.

As has been clearly stated in the guidance information about each student's grades submitted by the academy must remain confidential and so we will not be able to answer individual questions about these.

Year 11 work expectations

All Year 11 students should be completing the English and Maths work that is set for them on a daily basis as this will prepare them for the next steps in either their education or training. In addition to this, students who are intending to return to Bede should be completing the "Bridging Course" work for the 5 subjects they identified on their Sixth Form Application form. If students are unsure of how to access this then they should email academicteam@bedeacademy.org.uk for guidance. If students are intending to attend a different education or training provider in September, we strongly suggest they contact the provider to ask for preparation tasks. All subjects are still providing revision materials for students but students only need to complete these if they are considering resitting a subject.