



STUDENT FACTSHEET.

SUMMER 2020 EXAM RESULTS CHANGES PARENT AND

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

'Centre-assessed grades' will now be used for GCSEs, AS-levels and A-levels in England, following a government U-turn.

What is changing?

- › Originally, the school submitted a set of 'centre-assessed grades' that were calculated following a rigorous in-school process in accordance with guidance from OFQUAL, the DfE, ASCL and the Coastal Academies Trust which were given to the exam regulator, Ofqual.
 - › Now, you will get the original grades submitted by the school – unless the Ofqual moderated grades are higher, in which case you will receive the higher grade
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When will we get our results?

- › We will tell you your centre-assessed grades or the Ofqual grade if it is higher on Thursday 20th August as per Miss Rolls' previous instructions.
 - › If you wish to discuss your IB course choices, or next steps please enter your details on the sign up sheet in the plaza, and you will be contacted via a telephone call to your parents by SLT on Thursday and Friday.
 - › Would you please let us know if you're are definitely not returning, on the sheet
 - › If we don't hear from you we will commence with your enrolment in the sixth from with your choices as originally requested
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What happens if my Ofqual grade was higher?

- › You will keep whichever grade is higher
- › **Your results can't go down as a result of this change, they can only go up!**

Can we still appeal?

- You should still be able to appeal but the only grounds are administrative error or bias. If you would like to discuss this please contact Mr Forward or Miss Rolls
- The school will make appeals on your behalf – individual pupils or parents can't make appeals themselves
- You won't be able to appeal based on your mock grade (this was part of the "triple lock" system which was announced before this change – this is no longer in place)

What about Autumn exams?

- As far as we know, you'll still have the opportunity to sit exams in Autumn 2020 if we enter you for them. Please talk to Mr Forward, Miss Rolls or Mrs Stivarius if you think you might like to sit Autumn exams
- We'll update you as soon as we know more

Why has this happened now?

- Gavin Williamson (the Education Secretary) said that the scale of these issues only became "absolutely apparent" over the weekend, which led to this change of plan
- Both he and Ofqual have apologised for the distress and uncertainty the situation has created
- We know this has been extremely difficult for Dane Court students and their families, and we're doing everything we can to support you during this stressful time

If you have a question that this factsheet hasn't answered, please contact Miss Rolls (rolls@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) or Mr Forward (bforward@danecourt.kent.sch.uk)

Sixth Form entry requirements:

If you have missed the entry requirements for our Sixth Form or for specific subjects, please do not worry. Please speak to Mr Forward or Miss Rolls or another member of SLT and they will discuss your options with you. As you have not had the opportunity to sit your GCSE exams, we will do everything possible to support you and ensure that you can access a suitable combination of subjects in September.