

Candidate Confirmation: How grades will be awarded in Summer 2021

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- ☐ I can confirm I have been made aware of the relevant guidance provided for students, parents and guardians by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). "[Guidance for students, parents and guardians: GCSEs and AS/A Levels in England Summer 2021](#)" and know this document is available on the schools' website.

I confirm my understanding specifically includes the following:

- ☐ What is happening, and when
- ☐ How candidates will be assessed
- ☐ That subject teachers will initially determine the grades, which will then be reviewed by other teachers at Thomas Becket Catholic School, so grades are determined consistently with the school's policy. I know that Awarding bodies (exam boards) will check this policy to make sure it meets their requirements
- ☐ The professional judgement of teachers will only be based on what candidates have been taught and teachers will use a range of evidence from across the course of study to make their decision
- ☐ This evidence may include pieces of work that have already been completed/partially completed and/or further tests/assessments that will be set
- ☐ The range of evidence that teachers use to inform grades will be consistent across each class or cohort for each qualification. However, the school may decide that a different range of evidence may be more appropriate to fairly inform a grade, if, for example, a candidate has missed significantly more teaching than others in the class
- ☐ Where a candidate has been granted approved access arrangements/reasonable adjustments the school should ensure that these were/are in place when evidence was/is being gathered. Where appropriate reasonable adjustments were not in place when the candidate took an assessment that is being used as evidence, the teacher should take that into account when determining the candidate's grade or the school/college could also consider whether other evidence could be used instead
- ☐ Teachers will tell candidates which pieces of work will be used as evidence to inform their overall grade for each subject candidates have been entered for. Candidates will have the opportunity to raise any concerns about the evidence being used, for example, if the evidence was affected by personal circumstances, such as illness.
- ☐ Teachers will make the final judgement about what evidence is to be included - this is not a negotiation.
- ☐ Teachers will not be able to tell candidates the grades they will be submitting to the awarding bodies (exam boards)
- ☐ When candidates will receive their grades results from the relevant awarding body, for Year 11 students this will be on the 12th August and for those doing Level 3 Qualifications this will be on the 10th of August.
- ☐ After results have been received, there will be an appeals system as a safety net to fix any genuine errors that were not identified earlier in the determination of grades process

Should you have any concerns in completing this form and have any questions or issues concerning the points raised please do not hesitate to contact Ms Kielty directly. You should ensure you share your second copy of this form with your parents so they too understand fully the process you will be undertaking.

By signing here, I am confirming my awareness and understanding of how grades will be awarded this summer

Candidate Signature:

Date of signature: