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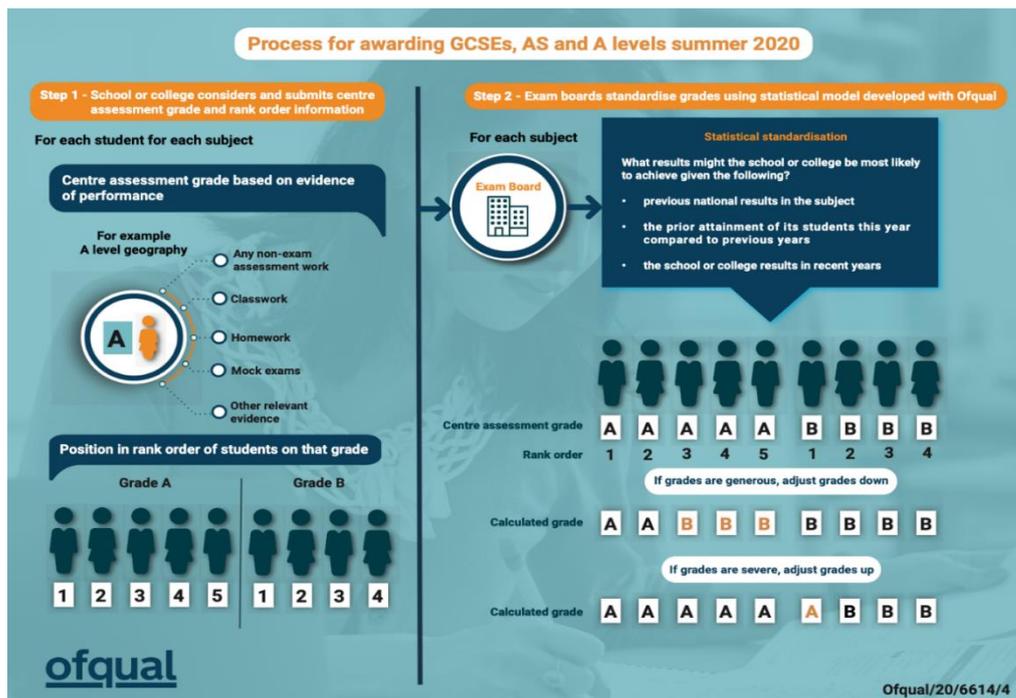
Dear Parent / Carer

Thursday 13 August 2020 is, as I am sure you are aware, the day when A level results will be released to students. In order to ensure we are Covid secure for this event, and can offer those students who might need additional advice adequate guidance and support on the day, we are making special arrangements for this occasion.

Students and their parents /carers are asked to come to the school at some point between 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Students with surnames beginning with A – M should enter the Sports Hall directly from the car park and students with surnames beginning with N – Z should enter the site through the gate by reception and walk around to the canteen.

Family groups will be asked to queue 2m apart until they are able to collect their envelope with their results in. If students have achieved the results they need for their chosen post-18 pathway they will be asked to fill in a form to tell us where they are going to go next year. If students have not achieved all the grades they need for their chosen post-18 pathway they will be directed to the sixth form centre for advice and guidance from a team of staff there. Please enter the sixth form block through the 'back' door on the left-hand end of the building and leave by the front door and then walk around the maths block and through the car park by the Astroturf to return to the car park.

As you are aware, schools were asked to submit centre assessment grades and rank orders to examination boards. The grades submitted by the school are not the students' final grades to be awarded in the summer. The examination boards are using a statistical standardisation model to arrive at the grades which will be awarded in August. Details of this process are summarised in the infographic below:





This is a confidential process and the school has no control over the process or the final outcomes. The school is not allowed to reveal what grade was submitted for any student in any subject until after the release of final results on 13 August 2020, and only then if the student completes a freedom of information request.

The normal arrangements for reviews of marking and appeals will not apply this year. Ofqual are currently consulting on statutory guidance on how appeals will operate this year. These details will be provided along with results in August.

There will be an opportunity to re-sit exams in October and the papers will be in the same format as they would have been for the summer 2020 examination series. Final grades from these re-sits would be based entirely on exam performance and not include any non-examination assessment (coursework), except in art. Ofqual anticipates that the results of these re-sits would be available in February 2021, although results for English and Maths might be available from January 2021. The higher of either the calculated or the autumn re-sit exam grade will count, and new certificates would be issued as appropriate.

The normal arrangements for reviews of marking and appeals will not apply this year. Students will **not** be able to challenge their centre assessment grade or their position in the centre's rank order, and the school will **not** be able to appeal the operation or outcome of the statistical standardisation model.

I hope this information is useful, but if you have any questions about this process please email swoodhouse@princewilliamschool.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you on results day and, in the meantime, we hope you have a happy and healthy summer.

Yours faithfully

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