



Guidance regarding Appeals and Resits for the Summer Exam Series 2020

Information for Students

Following the changes to the way that qualifications are being assessed at Key Stage 4 & 5 nationally in summer 2020, please note the following guidance regarding appeals and resits.

Appeals

Students will not be able to appeal to exam boards directly. Schools may only appeal on the behalf of a student if:

1. **The school believes that the school itself made an error when submitting centre assessment grades or rank order.**
2. **The school believes that the exam board made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade.**

Allegations of Bias/Discrimination

If a student has evidence of bias, discrimination or any other factor that suggests that the school did not behave with care or integrity when determining the centre assessment grade and/or rank order information they should raise these concerns with the school.

A student may request the school to review their decision not to appeal to an exam board on their behalf (where it meets the above criteria).

Where there is evidence of serious malpractice on the part of the school, it may be appropriate to raise concerns directly with the exam board. **Where there is evidence**, exam boards will investigate allegations as potential malpractice or maladministration.

Ofqual recognises that such allegations are expected to be rare but are in place to safeguard students.

General Qualification – Autumn Series 2020 (Resits)

Students who would have taken exams in the summer exam series 2020 but were instead awarded qualifications based on calculated results will have the opportunity to resit these exams at Holly Lodge in October (for A Level) and November (for GCSE) should they wish.

Private candidates who were originally entered for examinations as part of the summer series 2020, will also have the opportunity to be entered for the autumn series 2020 at Holly Lodge High School.

NOTE - With the exception of Art and Design, grades will be based on exam performance alone, with no non-exam assessment (NEA).

Contact

Should you wish to contact the school regarding the appeals process (as stated above) or to declare an interest in sitting an exam as part of the Autumn Series – please contact the school via the following email address - exams@holly-lodge.org stating your full name, date of birth & postcode and any other relevant information.

Source:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-publishes-more-details-on-appeals-and-confirms-autumn-exam-arrangements>

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