

## POST RESULTS 2021 – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### How were my grades arrived at?

The Teacher Assessed Grades were based on evidence over the two years of your courses; they are not a trajectory or a prediction. It is a holistic judgement of each student's performance where teachers have used their professional judgement to balance the full range of agreed evidence available for each student against the performance standard set out in the grade descriptors and exemplification materials.

### How did the College communicate information about Teacher Assessed Grades?

The College sent out a number of communications in relation to Teacher Assessed Grades. The key communications were as follows:

- **5<sup>th</sup> March 2021:** Overview of the Teacher Assessed Grades Process
- **24<sup>th</sup> March 2021:** General Update and Benchmark 8 information/dates
- **1<sup>st</sup> April 2021:** College Update on Grading 2021
- **6<sup>th</sup> May 2021: Student Assessment Records** were published so all students were aware of the evidence base upon which Teacher Assessed Grades were to be based. A link to the **Mitigating Circumstances** form was also included. This communication also included a link to the **College Centre Policy/Q-TAG Policy**. Both of these policies were also published in the policies section of the College website as well as GoL and the Parents Portal
- **13<sup>th</sup> May 2021:** Reminder of Mitigating Circumstances deadline sent to students
- **17<sup>th</sup> May 2021:** Deadline for Special Consideration
- **29<sup>th</sup> June 2021:** Outcomes from Special Consideration applications communicated to students/updated on SELF
- **16<sup>th</sup> July 2021:** E-mail sent regarding Post Results Service with link to the Appeals Procedure which was published on College website

### Where can I see my grades for each piece of evidence that was used to arrive at my TAG/Q-TAG?

You will be able to access all of your grades via SELF – you will be able to see your TAG and your grade for Benchmark 8 – alongside all the other grades that have contributed to your final TAG. Remember not all Benchmarks were used as evidence. To remind yourself of what evidence was used for each subject you will need to access the Student Assessment Records available on GoL which were released to you on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### Will my teachers be available to discuss my grades?

Sorry but no they won't as results are published during the summer holiday. We ask that you don't contact them as this will only delay getting you the support/advice that you need. Your teacher will not be available or able to discuss your results with you. If you wish to discuss anything in relation to your results please contact [postresults@godalming.ac.uk](mailto:postresults@godalming.ac.uk) and you will then be put in touch with a senior member of staff or member of the Careers team who can help you.

### What quality assurance mechanisms were in place?

The College had its Centre Policy signed off by JCQ via its assigned exam board. All Benchmark 8 work was extensively standardised and moderated. All grades had to be signed off by more than one teacher. The grades were also internally moderated by Directors of Faculty/Senior Management Team. The College was also subject to external quality check via the exam board – a number of samples were sent off for scrutiny and no issues were found.

### **Why is my Teacher Assessed Grade different from my Predicted Grade?**

All Schools and Colleges were explicitly told that predicted grades could not form part of the evidence base/grading consideration. As explicitly referenced in the JCQ guidance: "The policy direction is that the final grade is derived solely based on performances produced by a student. A grade derived on a predicted trajectory or target grade is (therefore) not permitted".

### **I need to find out the Centre Number/my Candidate Number/my UCAS ID?**

The College Centre number is **64395**. Your candidate number are the last 4 digits of your College ID. Your UCAS ID is unique to you and will have been e-mailed to you by UCAS.

### **What can I do if I am not happy with my grade?**

All students have the opportunity to appeal their grade but please read the following guidance first: [JCQ-Student-Appeals-Guide-2021.pdf](#) [JCQ-Student-Guide-July-2021-Handout.pdf](#)

There is also an option to resit GCSEs and A Levels in the Autumn – see relevant FAQ for further information.

### **What will be the outcome of an appeal?**

At either stage of the appeals process, a student's grade may go up, stay the same, or go down. When placing an appeal the student will have to sign a declaration saying that they accept the fact their grade may go down and they may get a lower grade than their original TAG.

### **What does 'unreasonable' mean?**

'Unreasonable' is a technical term in this context and means that no educational professional acting reasonably could have selected the same evidence or come up with the same grade. This means that just because other forms of evidence may have been equally valid to use, the selection of evidence is not unreasonable. Because of the flexibility of the approach this year, every school and college will have used different forms of evidence. It also means that the independent reviewers will **not** remark or grade students' evidence. Instead, they will look to see whether any teacher acting reasonably could have arrived at the same grade.

### **What is a priority appeal?**

Priority appeals will be handled more quickly than other appeals, where possible before UCAS's advisory deadline of 8<sup>th</sup> September. Priority appeals are only open to **A level students starting university this autumn, who have missed out on the conditions of their firm or insurance offer**. If you decided not to confirm a firm conditional offer and to go through clearing instead, JCQ cannot offer you a priority appeal. JCQ cannot offer priority appeals for GCSE students, unfortunately. When making a priority appeal, students will have to include their UCAS personal ID so it can be confirmed that it is a genuine priority appeal.

### **What should I do if I don't get into my first choice of university?**

First, don't panic - contact our Post Results Service: [postresults@godalming.ac.uk](mailto:postresults@godalming.ac.uk) and you will be put in touch with a member of our Careers Team to discuss your options. You may wish to go through clearing or sit the autumn exams or summer exams next year to try to improve your grade.

If you are going to appeal your grade, you must let your university know you are appealing. They will then let you know whether they will hold a place for you pending the outcome of an appeal (note that universities are not obliged to hold a place for you; this is at their discretion).

### **If I want to be entered for the Autumn Exam Series how do I go about this?**

You need to email [exams@godalming.ac.uk](mailto:exams@godalming.ac.uk) to advise the Exams Officer (Debi Gratton) of your intention to re-sit any or all of the subjects you were awarded a TAG for by Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>

since all exam entries must be processed by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. However, we would strongly advise that you discuss your intentions regarding entering for the Autumn Exam Series first with one of our post results team. Please e-mail [postresults@godalming.ac.uk](mailto:postresults@godalming.ac.uk) and you will be put in touch with someone to discuss it further.

- Please note you cannot change any option within the subject (i.e. Further Maths, Computer Science or Physics)
- Nor can you enter any different subject that you might have studied privately.
- There is no Autumn Exam Series for BTEC external assessments or Pre U Philosophy
- You cannot resit NEA/coursework components, the only exception being in Art and Design subjects where the exam board will set and mark a new task to determine a student's grade.

Please note if you have an outstanding appeal in progress, you must still send in your request to enter for the Autumn Exam Series by **4<sup>th</sup> September**. We can always withdraw your entry if your appeal is successful.