

Dear Students and Parents

Summer 2021 Results, Appeal Process, and 6th form Enrolment

Following my email at the end of April I write with an update regarding the last stages of the process for finalising this summer's public examination grades.

Results

These will be emailed to students' JCoSS email addresses at 8.30 am on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 10th August for A level and OCR Technical** results
- **Thursday 12th August for GCSE and OCR National** results.

Please note the time which is later than previous years. This change – not within the school's control – has been made to coincide with the UK-wide release of University/HE application outcomes, aiming to reduce the anxiety of a 30-minute wait between receiving the two pieces of news. The same time is used for GCSE results to ensure consistency across exam centres.

Please check as soon as possible that you can log onto your JCoSS email: a helpsheet is attached, and if you need a new password this can be obtained by contacting admin@jcross.barnet.sch.uk. We have sent a test email (with a read receipt) to check that all students can access their results. We have also set up a dedicated email address (results@jcross.barnet.sch.uk) for any queries relating to results.

Appeals

If on receipt of your results you wish to appeal you must read and follow [JCoSS's guidance](#) and then complete the [official form](#) which will require you to provide evidence to support your appeal.

To help you decide whether to appeal, I would urge you to read JCoSS [policy for determining grades](#) as an exam centre. This policy, which has been sent to you already, details the sources of evidence we used to determine grades, including the arrangements for how special consideration was applied for this exam series. Please bear in mind that the final grade recommendations were reached holistically and that not all evidence carries the same weight.

There are **two** steps to the appeals process, both of which are submitted to JCoSS in the first instance:

Stage 1: Centre Review. JCoSS will see if we have made an administrative error, e.g. we submitted an incorrect grade or used an incorrect assessment mark when determining your grade, or we did not follow our Centre Policy and applied our own procedures incorrectly.

Stage 2: Appeal to the Exam Board. If you still do not think you have the correct grade after Centre Review, you can ask JCoSS to appeal to the exam board. They will review whether we made an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement in the choice of evidence from which we determined your grade. It is worth mentioning that we received feedback in May that our policy fully 'met the requirements of the Joint Council for Qualifications Guidance'.

Please note the following:

- Only the student who can lodge the appeal, not parents or others on their behalf.
- At both stages students must sign to accept the following: *'I am aware that the outcome of the appeal may result in my grade remaining the same, being lowered, or raised'*.

- Once an appeal process has started, it cannot be stopped, and unlike last year it is not a risk-free process. Students will not receive the best grade but the grade that the Exam Board determines when they reach their judgement.
- There is an Autumn 2021 Examination Series where any of the examinations students were entered for this summer can be re-sat. Those who did this last year performed well, and we think this is an advisable option.
- Students whose university place is dependent on an appeal can access a priority process; all other appeals will be dealt with after these priority cases.
- Finally, if you believe the exam board has made a procedural error in handling your appeal, you can apply to Ofqual's Exam Procedures Review Service to review the process undertaken by the exam board.

Enrolment for current Year 11 students to the JCoSS 6th form

In most cases, enrolment to the JCoSS 6th form will be done online, including requests to change subjects from those you have listed so far. Members of the 6th form and Careers Teams will be available by phone or on Teams to discuss any particular circumstances and to give advice and guidance.

Our normal admissions processes will apply: students who are already at JCoSS and who meet the entry criteria have a guaranteed place in the 6th form, while places on individual courses are subject to numbers and awarded in rank order of GCSE scores. That means that final confirmation of places and courses may take a few days.

We know that the extra uncertainties about results at all levels will add to the apprehension of students and parents, but please remember that these affect all students and all schools. JCoSS is as well placed as any other school to help students manage the ups and downs of the process.

If you have any further questions on the process please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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