



To Aspire, Endeavour and Thrive Together

18th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well. We thought it would be helpful to provide an update on the CAGs process as we move towards the end of the academic year.

You may have seen that JCQ, the Joint Council for Qualifications, released some more information this week on GCSE and 'A' Level Centre Assessed Grades.

The deadline for schools to submit centre assessed grades is Friday 18th June. We have now come to the end of our internal grading and quality assurance process in the school. From next week, exam boards begin their QA process and we will send samples of work, meet with exam boards and complete external checks of the grades and arrangements.

We will communicate details of results days before the end of term.

Centre Policy

We emailed this to all parents on 30th April 2021. The link to the policy on our website is here:

https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/docs/Glossopdale_School_Centre_Policy_for_A_AS_Levels_and_GCSES_for_Summer_2021.pdf

This details our arrangements and processes throughout the CAG process. If you have not already completed the Google Form to confirm that you have read and understood, the document, we would be very grateful if you could do so.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14uAskUtCN85TSqGvvoMNXmkDYSIZeCrW_0Nw2MJFwko/edit

Appeals

JCQ published details of the appeals process last week. If a parent or student chooses to appeal a grade, they will be able to do so on results day. This is a 3 stage process. Firstly, the school will undertake its own Centre Review to ensure that the evidence used to arrive at the student's grade was appropriate, that there had not been an administrative error and that we adhered to our Centre Policy.

If we find that there has been a breach of one of these criteria, we will then escalate this to the appropriate exam board who will investigate.

In the event that the exam board considers an appeal, **the student's grade may be revised up, down or stay the same. This will then be the student's final grade.**

We will provide further guidance and the appeals form to complete on results days. The deadline for 'priority' requests for a Centre Review will be 16th August; these are where students are reliant on 'A' Level grades in order to fulfill the requirements for a place at university. The deadline for all other requests is 3rd September.

Please see the attached JCQ guide for parents and students.

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Mitigating Circumstances

In the Spring Term, we asked students and parents to let us know if there were any specific circumstances that affected the student's performance in one or more assessments. We have then used this information to determine each student's CAG and make individual variations where appropriate.

Students have all been asked to complete a Student Declaration Form to confirm that they are aware of the evidence that has been used to calculate their grade and that they have had the opportunity to let us know if there are mitigating circumstances that we need to consider.

A member of staff will contact any parents where we have not received the form if there are mitigating circumstances that have been taken into account.

If you have any questions about mitigating circumstances or individual student variations, please email cag@glossopdale.school.

Transition Work/Induction Details

A range of transition work for Year 11 and Year 13 is now available via Google Classroom and students are encouraged to log in and engage with these resources. Activities around preparation for the world of work, Sixth Form courses, Higher Education and a wide range of apprenticeships are all part of these materials and links to a wide array of resources online have also been included.

Students who are returning to our Sixth Form in September have been invited to take part in our Induction Day on the 25th June. This will begin in school in the morning, where students will receive information on: enrolment arrangements, student leadership opportunities in the Sixth Form, summer bridging activities and what to expect when they join the Sixth Form. There are still a few places left on this event so if any Year 11 student would like to attend but haven't yet signed up then please pay for the trip via ParentPay and

Year 11 Leavers' Event

As you will know, we were hoping to be able to hold a final celebratory event for Year 11 students and teachers on 8th July. However, given the pause to the easing of restrictions, this event has had to be cancelled. We know how disappointed the students will be. We will aim to bring students together in the Autumn Term when restrictions have lifted and will communicate the details nearer the time.

For students who have paid for the event via ParentPay, a refund will be issued. For all others, cheques will be provided. Please email finance@glossopdale.school to let us know who to make the cheque payable to. These will be posted to the student's home address unless otherwise indicated.

If you have any questions, please email cag@glossopdale.school. Subject teachers and leaders will not be able to answer specific questions about CAGs awarded to students and the details of grades. If you use the email above, we will be able to respond to your enquiry appropriately.

Thank you once again for your support and patience this year.

Best wishes,

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