Archway School



POST-RESULTS GUIDE

SUMMER 2020

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF RESULTS

You have been issued with a Candidate Statement of Provisional Results. This is a statement about your results and not a certificate.

Grades and Levels Available

For each qualification subjects are printed in order of exam board (AQA, Edexcel, OCR, WJEC) GCSE are graded 9-1. Level 2 qualifications are graded D*2-P2. Level 1 qualifications are graded D1 – P1.

If you do not achieve the minimum standard for a certificate, you will receive an Unclassified (U) result.

Results are provisional until you receive your certificates and the exam boards reserve the right to correct information until the certificates are issued.

Certificates

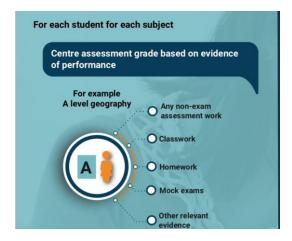
Students in Years 11 and 13 would usually receive certificates in January 2021; the process of distributing these will be dependent on social distancing regulations in place at the time, details will be sent out as soon as possible.

If lost, certificates are expensive to replace and will cost in excess of £40 each. You will need to keep certificates safe, as in the future you will need them to access to higher education or employment.

How Have Grades Been Calculated Due To COVID-19?

Further to the announcement by Ofqual on Monday 17th August, the grades received have now been based on the centre assessment grade submitted to the exam board by the school or the calculated grade whichever was higher.

Students receiving results for Cambridge Nationals (IT) have been issued with the centre assessed grade as final results for these qualifications will not be issued by the exam board until 25th August. Should your grade increase you will be advised accordingly and will receive a new statement of results.



The overriding aim, as with any exam series, is to make sure that every student receives a grade or award that reflects their knowledge and understanding of the subject they have studied. This year is no different, and the focus remains on this objective, ultimately ensuring that students receive the fairest grade or award possible during these exceptional circumstances so that they are able to progress.

Please be reassured that the grades that you get this summer will look exactly the same as in previous years, and they will have equal status with universities, colleges and employers, to help you move forward in your life as planned.

You are currently unable to appeal centre assessed grades but if you're unhappy with any of your results, I'd encourage you in the first instance to contact Mrs Ryall, via email, stating the subject and the reason why you feel the grade is unjust. This will then be dealt with by the relevant person in September.

If you do not have the grades that you need you should talk to Mr Redman or college you plan to go to. They may well be flexible about their entry requirements.

Autumn 2020 Exam series

This year there will be an additional Autumn exam series (GCSE 2^{nd} Nov – 23^{rd} Nov) students will be able to resit exams if you feel that you could have demonstrated an improved performance in an exam or if you need an improved result to progress onto the next stage of your education. You will need to resit these exams at Archway School, with the exception of GCSE of English language and maths.

If you have not achieved a grade 4 or above, in English Language or maths you will be able to resit these qualifications at the centre where you are on roll from September 2020 (i.e.: sixth form or college). There may be fees associated with exam resits.

The results from Autumn 2020 exams will be available on 11th February 2021.

Should you wish to resit any exams please contact the exams officer Mrs Ryall via email: lesleyryall@archwayschool.net no later than Monday 7th September for GCSE exams.

Appeals

There will be fees for the appeals process as charged by the exam boards.

Candidates can appeal their grades through their centre if they feel the **process** this summer was not followed correctly in their case.

A candidate can:

- ask their centre to appeal on their behalf to an awarding body if there is evidence that leads a candidate to believe:
 - the centre made an administrative / data error when submitting a centre assessment grade

A candidate cannot:

- appeal against their centre assessment grades
- appeal in respect of the process or procedure used by Archway School in calculating their centre assessment grades
- appeal if they think they would have done better if they had sat exams
- appeal directly in any respect to the awarding body

The National Careers Service has set up an exam results helpline during August 2020. Students or their parents/carers can contact the helpline on 0800 100 900 to speak to a professionally qualified careers adviser if they need advice on their next steps. The helpline will be open from 8am to 10pm from Thursday 13th August until Friday 28th August.