

# UPDATES

**Supporting you** by providing a central point of reference to a summary of links to information and key updates from key stakeholders on exams and assessments

This information does not include any direct communications between key stakeholders and centres which are not in the public domain. Centres should always refer to direct communications and relevant email updates from awarding bodies to confirm the latest processes/arrangements.

**Note** - information and hyperlinks were correct as at the date they were published by the relevant organisation

(31/08/2022) **Ofqual** updates [Collection – Regulatory actions and interventions by Ofqual](#) (This collection explains what Ofqual is currently doing to deal with problems at the organisations it regulates, and selected recent actions)

(30/08/2022) **DfE** national statistics announcements:

- [16 to 18 school and college performance data in England: 2021 to 2022 \(revised\)](#)
- [Secondary school performance data in England: 2021 to 2022 \(revised\)](#)

(26/08/2022) **Ofqual: rolling update** (Updated information regarding Level 3 BTEC and Cambridge Technicals results and Level 1/2 and Level 2 vocational and technical qualification results)

(25/08/2022)

- **DfE** press release – [Hundreds of thousands of students receive GCSE and vocational results](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes:
  - [Guide to GCSE results in England, summer 2022](#)
  - [Guide to the 2022 Level 1, and Level 2 qualification results for Vocational and Technical Qualifications in England](#)
  - [National Reference Test Results Digest 2022](#)
  - [National Reference Test annual statement 2022](#)
  - [Infographics showing GCSE outcomes this year](#)
  - [Interactive analytics](#) of GCSE outcomes over time, variability in centres' results, and outcomes by county
  - [Interactive analytics](#) of PTQ and TQ outcomes over time and by subject
- **OCR** news – [Congratulations!](#)
- **Eduqas** news – [Today candidates receive their 2022 GCSE results](#)
- **WJEC** news – [Today candidates receive their 2022 GCSE and Welsh Baccalaureate results](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [GCSE learners in Wales receive their grades today](#)
- The Education Hub blog – [GCSE and VTQ results – what do the stats show?](#)
- **JCQ** publishes [GCSE Results Summer 2022](#)

(24/08/2022)

- **Ofqual: rolling update** (Updated information regarding Level 1/2 and Level 2 vocational and technical qualification results & BTEC and Cambridge Technicals results)
- **OCR** update – [GCSE and Cambridge Nationals results](#)
- The Education Hub blog – [How we're supporting GCSE pupils who have been affected by the pandemic](#)
- **AQA** news – [GCSE results delivered to schools and colleges on time](#)
- (23/08/2022)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [BTEC and Cambridge Technical Results](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update \(RESULTS WEEK SPECIAL\)](#) 23 August 2022
- The **OFQUAL** blog – [Looking ahead to GCSEs, Level 1 and Level 2 vocational and technical qualifications results](#)

(22/08/2022)

- [Ofqual: rolling update](#) (An updated statement on delayed BTEC and Cambridge Technicals results)
- The Education Hub blog – [What options are available for students after their GCSEs?](#)

(19/08/2022)

- [Ofqual: rolling update](#) (Details regarding the delayed BTEC and Cambridge Technical results have been added, along with contact details for the relevant awarding organisations)
- **AQA** exams administration update - [Possible delays on Centre Services at peak times](#)
- The Education Hub blog - [A Levels and university admissions fact check](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [Ongoing support for learners studying made-for-Wales qualifications](#)

(18/08/2022)

- **Pearson** targeted communication to centres identified with BTEC claims they have made which are not eligible or are pending – [Action needed – BTEC Pending or Ineligible Award Claims](#)
- **Eduqas** news – [Congratulations to students receiving their summer 2022 results today](#)
- **WJEC** news – [Congratulations to students receiving their final summer 2022 results today](#)
- **Pearson** press release – [200,000 students receive their Level 3 BTEC results today](#)
- **OCR** news – [Results day is here!](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [Learners in Wales receive their A and AS level grades today](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes:
  - [Guide to the 2022 AS and A level results in England](#)
  - [Guide to the 2022 Level 3 qualification results for VTQs in England](#)
  - [Infographics showing A level outcomes this year](#)
  - [Infographics showing Level 3 qualification outcomes for VTQs this year](#)
  - [Interactive analytics](#) of A level outcomes
  - [Interactive analytics](#) of PTQ and TQ outcomes
- **JCQ** publishes [GCE A Level & GCE AS Level Results Summer 2022](#)
- **DfE** transparency data – [T Level results: academic year 2021 to 2022 \(provisional\)](#)
- **DfE** press releases:
  - [Record numbers of 18-year-olds take up their place at university](#)
  - [Hundreds of thousands of students set to receive exam results](#)
- The Education Hub blog – [University admissions and A Level, T Level and VTQ results – what do the stats show?](#)

(17/08/2022)

- **AQA** news – [A-level results delivered to schools and colleges on time](#)
- The Education Hub blog – [How A Levels, GCSEs, T Levels and other qualifications have been graded in 2022](#)

(16/08/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- **OCR** update – [Preparing for Summer 2022 results](#)
- The Education Hub blog – [Looking for guidance on your next steps after exams? Here's some advice from a National Careers Service adviser](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update \(Results special\)](#)

(15/08/2022) The **Ofqual** blog – [Looking ahead to AS, A level, T Level and level 3 VTQ results](#)

(14/08/2022) **Ofqual** correspondence – [Joint Ofqual and UCAS letter to students](#)

(08/08/2022)

- Latest update for **Cambridge** schools – [Update on the June 2022 exam series results – 8 August 2022](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes a [podcast](#) about the reliability of exam marking in England
- **Ofqual: rolling update** (Added information about A level and GCSE results weeks in 2022)
- **DfE** blogs –  
[A Level, T Level, and VTQ results: Everything you need to know](#)  
[GCSE and Level 2 and below VTQ results: Everything you need to know](#)

(05/08/2022) The **Ofqual** blog – [How can you feel prepared for results day?](#)

(04/08/2022) **AQA** news – [Delivering results on time – a further update](#)

(01/08/2022) **DfE** national statistics announcements include:

- [A level and other 16 to 18 results: 2022 \(provisional\)](#)
- [Secondary school performance data in England: 2021 to 2022 \(provisional\)](#)

(29/07/2022) **OCR** news – [Results information 2022 – what's available and when?](#)

(28/07/2022) **AQA** news – [Teachers support on-screen exams – but access to technology is the biggest challenge](#)

(21/07/2022)

- **DfE** publishes consultation outcome - [Reforms to further education \(FE\) funding and accountability](#) and publishes second consultation asking for further views - [Implementing a new FE funding and accountability system](#)
- **DfE** blog - [When are GCSE, A level, T Level and other results days?](#)

(19/07/2022) **DfE** guidance updated - [Qualifications that overlap with T Levels](#) (Added 'Enrolments on qualifications on the provisional overlap list' and 'Revised equalities impact assessment' as the original version was based on an incorrect cohort of 16 to 19 year olds. The revision does not change the conclusions drawn.)

(18/07/2022) **Eduqas** article - [Top 5 reasons why you should get to know your Regional Representative](#)

(15/07/2022)

- **AQA** update - [Delivering results on time](#)
- **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update Correction](#)
- **OCR** issues final [weekly roundup](#) of the summer

(13/07/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

(12/07/2022)

- **WJEC** article – [Summer Exams: thank you for your support](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes:
  - [An investigation of inter-subject comparability in GCSEs and A levels in summer 2021 technical report](#)
  - [News story on teacher assessed grades in 2021 – student and teacher experiences](#)
  - [Reports setting out the research and analysis of teacher assessed grades in summer 2021: interviews and surveys](#)
- **DfE** blog – [University admissions and A level, T level and VTQ results: Your questions answered](#)

(11/07/2022) **AQA** issues [Exams update – July 2022](#)

(08/07/2022)

- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- **JCQ Bulletin** issued (End of exams and results key dates; Advance Information for Ofqual-accredited GCSEs: November 2022; Updated guidance for the special consideration process; Calculated grades for students who miss exams)

(07/07/2022) The **Ofqual** blog – [Evaluating the reforms of Functional Skills Qualifications](#)

(06/07/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- The **Ofqual** blog – [Exam results 2022: 10 things to know about GCSE, AS and A level grades](#)
- The **Ofqual** blog – [What's behind this summer's VTQ results?](#)

(05/07/2022) **Qualifications Wales** news – [How will learners be awarded GCSE, AS level, A level and Skills Challenge Certificate grades this year?](#)

(01/07/2022)

- **Ofqual**: [rolling update](#) (Removal of content related to exams and contingency arrangements, now that the 2022 exam summer series has been completed)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(30/06/2022)

- **AQA** news – [Delivering results on time](#)
- **Ofqual** news story – [Post 16 qualifications that sit alongside A and T levels](#) (Ofqual seeks views in its open consultation on its detailed proposals for regulating a range of academic and technical level 3 qualifications)
- **Ofqual** consultation outcome – [Regulating academic and technical qualifications at level 3](#)

(29/06/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

(28/06/2022) **Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing** news – [Admission testing arrangements for October/November 2022](#)

(27/06/2022)

- **AQA** – [Advance information for the November 2022 exams in GCSE Maths and English Language](#)
- **OCR** – [Advance information GCSE English Language and Mathematics November 2022](#)
- **Pearson** – [Advance information – November 2022](#)
- **WJEC** – [November Exams 2022: Advance Information now available](#)
- **Eduqas** – [November Exams 2022: Advance Information now available](#)

(24/06/2022) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(22/06/2022) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#) and [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)

(21/06/2022)

- **DfE** blog – [We're changing the way we present school and college results data this year – what you need to know about performance tables](#)
- **DfE** updates guidance for 2021 to 2022 performance measures in [Secondary accountability measures \(including Progress 8 and Attainment 8\)](#) and [16 to 18 accountability headline measures](#)

(20/06/2022) **DfE** blog – [T Levels: What courses are available?](#) (*Our ground-breaking new qualifications, T Levels – equivalent in size to three A Levels – are proving hugely popular. We launched the first T Levels in 2020 and now we've added new courses to the growing list of subjects ...*)

(17/06/2022)

- **Ofqual** speech - [Dr Jo Saxton at Confederation of School Trusts' annual conference](#) (The Chief Regulator discusses the civic role of regulators, why students' best interests drive Ofqual's decisions, and explains that 2022's exam results are likely to be lower than 2021's)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(16/06/2022)

- **DfE** blog – [How will rail strikes affect schools?](#)
- **OCR** issues [Exams officer update: June 2022](#)
- **Pearson** issues further [Exams Officer Update](#)

(15/06/2022)

- **JCQ** issues 15 June 2022 [Bulletin](#) (Rail strikes – Managing disruption and late arrivals to exams)

- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

(14/06/2022)

- **WJEC** article – [New guidance to ensure accessible exam papers for colour blind learners](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes the consultation outcomes and the regulatory requirements for the new GCSE qualifications in French, German and Spanish:
  - [Consultation outcome: Subject-level conditions and guidance for new French, German and Spanish GCSEs](#)
  - [GCSE subject-level conditions and requirements for French, German and Spanish](#)
  - [GCSE subject-level guidance for French, German and Spanish](#)

(These requirements will apply to the new qualifications which are due to be taught from September 2024, with assessments from summer 2026)

(10/06/2022) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(09/06/2022)

- **AQA** issues [Exams update – June 2022](#)
- **Ofqual** updates [Statistics: vocational qualifications](#) (Added the January to March 2022 release to the collection)

(08/06/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#), [GQ Bulletin](#) and [VQ Bulletin](#)

(07/06/2022)

- **DfE** publishes guidance – [Qualification achievement rates 2021 to 2022](#) (Explains how qualification achievement rates (QAR) are calculated)
- **DfE** updates [Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings](#) guidance on how educational and childcare settings should plan for and deal with emergencies, including significant public health incidents and severe weather (Updated DfE incident support helpline hours to Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm)
- The **Ofqual** blog – [Vocational and technical qualifications: what 10 years of data can tell us](#)

(06/06/2022) **JCQ** issues 6 June 2022 [Bulletin](#) (Exams support; Cyber security)

(30/05/2022) **Standards and Testing Agency** guidance updated – [Dispatch of exam scripts: yellow label service](#) – *Information for exams officers about using the Parcelforce Worldwide yellow label service to dispatch exam scripts for general qualifications* (Updated Yellow Label Service GOV.UK products (attached) to include the contact details of a new awarding organisation NCFE)

(27/05/2022) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(26/05/2022)

- **DfE** National statistics – [A level and other 16 to 18 results: 2021 \(provisional\)](#) (Added the retention measure to the A level and other 16 to 18 results: 2021 (provisional) publication)
- **Ofqual** Official statistics – [Provisional entries for GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2022 exam series](#) (Number of provisional entries by age group and subject for GCSEs, AS and A levels in England for the summer 2022 exam series)
- **OCR** issues [Exams officer update: May 2022](#)

(25/05/2022)

- **Ofqual**: [rolling update](#) updated (Added update: "Checking exam papers")
- **JCQ** [23 May 2022 Bulletin](#) (Link to [guide](#) to help students prepare for this year's summer 2022 exams; link to 'Understanding and avoiding malpractice' [blog](#))
- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#) and [Exams Officer Update](#)

(23/05/2022) **Ofqual** updates [Guidance for centres: awarding VTQs in 2021 and 2022](#) (Added sections on reasonable adjustments and special consideration)

(20/05/2022)

- **JCQ Infographic** for students: [On your exam day: Student's checklist preparing for exams](#) (This checklist will help make sure you are as prepared as possible for your exams, so that on the day itself you can focus on doing your best)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news - [Provisional Entries for the Summer 2022 exam series](#)

(19/05/2022) **DfE** updates guidance:

- [Key stage 4 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#) (Updated the 'Performance points for qualifications counting in the 2022 key stage 4 performance tables' and 'Key stage 4 qualifications and discount codes: 2014 to 2024 performance tables' documents)
- [16 to 18 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#) (Updated the '16 to 18 qualifications and discount codes: 2018 to 2024 performance tables' and 'Performance points for qualifications counting in the 16 to 18 performance tables 2022' documents)
- [Performance points: comparing KS4 or 16 to 18 qualifications](#) (Updated the document 'Performance points: a practical guide to key stage 4 and 16 to 18 performance points')
- [English Baccalaureate: eligible qualifications](#) (Updated the 'Key stage 4 qualifications counting in the English Baccalaureate' documents)

(18/05/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- [Ofqual: rolling update](#) updated (Added an advice note for students on fake exam papers offered on social media)

(17/05/2022)

- **DfE** blog – [Exam Season: All the resources you need including how we're making exams fair after disruption, revision help, and what to do if you have Covid](#)
- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)

(13/05/2022)

- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news - [Support for learners studying GCSE, AS and A level exams in the next academic year](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes [Open letter to heads of schools and colleges, May 2022](#) (A letter from Chief Regulator Jo Saxton to heads of schools and colleges, ahead of GCSE, AS and A level exams starting on 16 May 2022)
- **Ofqual** releases a [podcast](#) on grading and marking in 2022

(12/05/2022)

- [Ofqual: rolling update](#) updated (Added information on plans for subject content and assessment arrangements next academic year, and on new guidance for awarding organisations on making their assessments accessible)
- **Ofqual** issues outcome of [consultation on designing and developing accessible assessments](#) and associated news story – [New Ofqual guidance on making assessments accessible for students](#)

(11/05/2022)

- [Qualifications Wales](#) ensures learners in Wales are not disadvantaged by policy changes in England
- **DfE** press release – [T Level rollout takes next steps](#) (Government publishes draft list of qualifications to be retired due to their overlap with T Levels helping to streamline the options for students) and guidance – [Qualifications that overlap with T Levels](#) (The provisional list of qualifications to have 16 to 19 funding withdrawn for new starts from 1 August 2024 due to overlap with T Levels)
- **DfE** issues guidance – [Review of post-16 qualifications at level 3 in England](#) (This guidance is for awarding organisations and providers. It outlines, at a high level, the principles of the approvals process for academic and technical qualifications, including when these qualifications will be approved for delivery)
- **JCQ** issues [Bulletin](#) (Senior Leadership Team's quick guide to Summer 2022 exams and assessments)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)



- **JCQ** issues [Senior Leadership Team's Quick Guide to Summer 2022 exams and assessments](#)
- **JCQ Infographics:**
  - [Key reminders: access arrangements and special consideration](#)
  - [The journey of a question paper through the centre](#)
  - [Starting times for examinations and supervising candidates](#)

(10/05/2022)

- **JCQ** updates [Form 14](#) (Self certification for candidates in Wales who have missed an examination – June 2022). Form 14 was later further updated for candidates in Northern Ireland.
- **AQA** issues [Exams update – May 2022](#)
- **JCQ** blog – [Understanding the requirements for separate invigilation](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes:
  - a [blog](#) with advice for students and exams officers on this summer's exam series
  - a [video from Professor David Putwain of Liverpool John Moores University](#) giving his 3 top tips to help students prepare for their exams this summer
  - a series of videos of students and alumni from Eden Girls' School in Coventry:
    - [What advice would you give to exam students?](#)
    - [What tips do you have for revising?](#)
    - [What's been your approach to revision?](#)
    - [Are you happy that exams are back?](#)
    - [What's been your approach to revision?](#)
- [Subject content and assessment arrangements for students taking qualifications in the academic year 2022 to 2023](#) – The **Department for Education** and **Ofqual** confirm the arrangements for subject content in GCSE, AS and A levels and non-exam assessment in qualifications taking place in the academic year 2022 to 2023

(09/05/2022) **JCQ** issues [Student guide to this year's package of support](#)

(06/05/2022) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(05/05/2022) **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)

(04/05/2022)

- **Ofqual** has published its [Corporate Plan 2022 to 2025](#) and [regulatory burden statement](#). The plan introduces the 4 new strategic priorities and how Ofqual plan to deliver them:
  1. Quality and fairness for students and apprentices
  2. Clarity, effectiveness, and efficiency in the qualifications market.
  3. Shaping the future of assessment and qualifications.
  4. Developing Ofqual as an effective, expert regulator, and inclusive employer.

Last week Ofqual published two surveys to seek feedback from students, teachers, tutors, and home-educators on some of the adaptations to exam arrangements in summer 2022. Ofqual is interested in views about how these adaptations are working in practice from those who are using them.

The online surveys take 10 to 15 minute to complete and will be open until 11.59pm on Sunday 15 May 2022. They can be accessed via the following links:

- Survey for teachers, tutors, and home-educators: <https://ofqual.citizenspace.com/public/exams-2022-teacher-survey-pre-exam/>
- Survey for students: <https://ofqual.citizenspace.com/public/arrangements-2022-student-survey/>
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [Special consideration processes in Wales](#)
- [AQA's exam and revision tips with The Student Room return!](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- **JCQ** further updates [A guide to the special consideration process](#) (The document has been further updated, 4 May 2022, by the JCQ awarding bodies operating in Wales who have published supplementary guidance on the application of the special consideration process in the context of the June 2022 examination series and the Welsh Government's guidance: [Self-isolation: guidance for people with COVID-19 and their contacts](#) which was updated on 3 May 2022)

(This guide was further updated, 20 May 2022, by the JCQ awarding bodies operating in Northern Ireland)

(03/05/2022) **Ofqual** correspondence – [Qualifications at level 2 and below consultation response](#) (Ofqual's response to the review of post-16 qualifications at level 2 and below)

(29/04/2022)

- **OCR** issues [Exams officer update: April 2022](#) and [weekly roundup](#)
- Latest update for **Cambridge** schools – [Update on June & November 2022 exams – 29 April 2022](#)
- **JCQ** issues [29 April 2022 Bulletin](#)
- **JCQ** publishes [Guidance for centres managing exams June 2022 series](#) (This guidance applies to timetabled examinations for general qualifications held in the June 2022 series. It outlines existing flexibilities as well as changes to the normal rules for conducting examinations and is designed to support centres experiencing disruption, including disruption due to Covid-19. Centres may wish to consider this document alongside their own contingency plans ahead of the start of the examination series)
- **JCQ** video – [JCQ Exam day guidance – How to ensure exams run smoothly](#)
- [JCQ Webinar: Support for Exams Officers for Summer 2022 Examination Series](#) (20/04/2022)

(28/04/2022)

- **DfE** blog – [Top tips for exam preparation this summer](#)
- **JCQ** publishes [FAQs – special consideration, June 2022 series](#) (For the attention of heads of centre, senior leaders and examination officers in England)
- *Reminder* – **Communicate-ed** has published an [article](#) following its recent survey of centres about requests for reasonable adjustments / access arrangements (The article explores some of the survey's findings and signposts centres to useful sources of information. The article also links to Communicate-ed's [Guidelines for candidates](#) about reasonable adjustments / access arrangements)
- **Ofqual** Official Statistics – [Perceptions of A levels, GCSEs and other qualifications: wave 20](#) (Results of an annual survey of heads of schools, teachers, general public, parents, students, employers and higher education institutions in England)
- **JCQ** publishes [Post-Results Services – June 2022 series](#) (GCSE, GCE, Projects (including Extended Project) Post-Results Services: Information and guidance to centres for examinations taken in June 2022 examination series)

(26/04/2022)

- **JCQ** updates [Form 14](#) (Self certification for candidates in England who have missed an examination – June 2022)
- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- **JCQ** [Notice to Centres – Release of results June 2022 examinations](#)

(25/04/2022) **Ofqual** correspondence – [Advance information for November 2022 examinations](#) (A letter to responsible officers of exam boards to confirm the date when advance information should be published for November exams)

(22/04/2022)

- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- **JCQ** blog – [Understanding and avoiding malpractice](#)
- **Ofqual** [Guide for schools and colleges 2022: GCSEs, AS and A levels](#) (Ofqual has re-published the guide for schools and colleges which covers a range of information on the awarding of GCSE, AS and A levels. The guide brings together information that has already been published elsewhere to form a useful reference document for schools and colleges.)

(21/04/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- **OCR** updates useful blog – [Reviews of marking for centre-assessed marks: Your questions answered](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes Official Statistics – [Appeals for GCSE, AS, A level and Project: 2020 to 2021 academic year](#)

(20/04/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

(12/04/2022) **DfE** blog – [Everything you need to know about Covid measures during exams this summer](#)



(11/04/2022) **Communicate-ed** update – [Resources and suggestions](#) to help meet the challenges of increased Access Arrangement Requests in 2022 (Incorporating various resources from a number of providers, including The Exams Office, PATOSS, Communicate-ed and Lorraine Lee to help with the issues raised)

(08/04/2022)

- **JCQ** Bulletin – [Special consideration Guidance](#)
- **AQA** update – [Supplementary guidance on special consideration process for summer 2022 exams](#)
- **JCQ** updates [A guide to the special consideration process](#) (This document has been updated, 8 April 2022, to take account of the UK Health Security Agency's Guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, or a positive test result for COVID-19)
- Latest update for Cambridge Schools – [Update on June 2022 series – 7 April 2022](#)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings](#) (Updated guidance for children's social care providers, Critical workers annex and advice to check and register with Ofsted)

(07/04/2022)

- [JCQ statement on latest covid health advice](#)
- **DfE** guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#) (**This publication was withdrawn on 7 April 2022.** This content is no longer current policy and you do not need to follow it)

(06/04/2022)

- **Eduqas** article – [Summer 2022: SecEd podcast and supporting guide now available](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#) and [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)

(04/04/2022) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)

(01/04/2022)

- **Eduqas** article – [Working together to get exam ready](#)
- **AQA** issues [Exams update – April 2022](#)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): school and college performance measures](#) (Removed 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): school and college accountability 2019 to 2020' as it has been withdrawn)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#) (Removed the public health guidance to support exams for 2021 to 2022 as it has been withdrawn)
- **OCR** issues [final spring roundup](#)
- **DfE** blog – [Living with Covid: the end of routine testing in schools, colleges and childcare settings](#)

(31/03/2022)

- [JCQ Bulletin – 31st March 2022](#) (Become an Examiner; Invigilator Vacancy Map)
- **Ofqual** consultation outcome – [Technical consultation on regulating Digital Functional Skills qualifications](#)
- **Ofqual** news story – [Rules set for new digital functional skills qualifications](#)

(25/03/2022)

- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Secondary accountability measures \(including Progress 8 and Attainment 8\)](#) (Added an updated version of 'Secondary accountability measures: update for 2021 to 2022 performance measures')
- [Ofqual: rolling update](#) (Updated with additional information for teachers on collecting evidence for use in contingency arrangements)

(24/03/2022) **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)

(23/03/2022)

- [New AQA videos explaining 2022 exam changes](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- **WJEC** article – [Summer 2022 – getting exam ready](#)

(22/03/2022) **Ofqual** launches open consultation – [Subject-level conditions and guidance for new French, German and Spanish GCSEs](#) This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 13 April 2022

(21/03/2022) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)

(18/03/2022) **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update](#) and [weekly roundup](#)

(17/03/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

(15/03/2022)

- [Ofqual: rolling update](#) (updated by adding in links to this year's student guide to exams and assessments)
- [Dr Jo Saxton's speech at 2022 ASCL conference](#) (A speech by Ofqual's Chief Regulator at the Association of School and College Leaders Annual Conference 2022)

(11/03/2022)

- [Education Secretary addresses Association of School and College Leaders conference](#)
- [Update for Cambridge Schools – 11 March 2022](#)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(10/03/2022)

- **Qualifications Wales** issues [An Overview of the January 2022 results](#)
- [JCQ and the Exam Boards have published a notice regarding the marking and moderation of NEA \(non-exam assessment\) in light of the measures announced on grading for students taking exams this summer](#)
- **JCQ** issues [March 2022 Bulletin](#) (Unauthorised Items Poster Clarification, NEA Marking and Moderation, Updated FAQs on Advance Information)
- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)

(08/03/2022) **Ofqual** publishes guidance – [Student guide to exams and formal assessments in 2021 to 2022](#) (A guide for students on how GCSEs, A levels, vocational and technical qualifications are graded and awarded in the academic year 2021 to 2022)

(04/03/2022) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(03/03/2022)

- **JCQ** updates its [Unauthorised items poster](#) to include the ban to both smart and regular watches
- **JCQ** publishes [notice to confirm the arrangements for timetable clashes involving AS and A Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics](#)
- **JCQ** issues [March 2022 e-Newsletter](#) including link to a blog – [Supporting exams officers with timetable clashes](#)

(02/03/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- **DfE** launches open consultation – [Review of post-16 qualifications at level 2 and below](#) (Consultation seeking views on proposals to reform post-16 qualifications at level 1, level 2 and entry level. This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 27 April 2022)
- **DfE** publishes consultation outcome – [Post-16 study at level 2 and below: call for evidence](#) (Added the public responses to the call for evidence and a link to the new consultation asking for views on the groups of qualifications we propose should continue to receive public funding)

(01/03/2022) **AQA** issues [Exams update – March 2022](#)

(28/02/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- **Ofqual** updates collection – [Resources to help students prepare for exams and assessments](#) (Updates to reflect recent work helping students to feel confident ahead of exams and formal assessments)
- [Ofqual rolling update](#) (Updated – taking out information regarding the autumn series results days for GCSEs and A levels, which have now passed)

(25/02/2022) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(24/02/2022)

- **JCQ** publishes [results tables for the Autumn 2021 GCSEs](#)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#) (Updated sections on testing positive or showing symptoms of COVID-19 and isolation in 'Public health guidance to support exams for 2021 to 2022' to reflect new public health guidance from 24 February)
- News story – [Ofqual seeks views on regulatory approach for level 3 qualifications](#) (The consultation opens on Thursday 24 February, and will run for eight weeks, ending on Wednesday 20 April at 23.45)
- **Ofqual** open consultation – [Regulating academic and technical qualifications at level 3](#) (Proposed regulatory approach for alternative academic and alternative technical qualifications at level 3 in England)

(23/02/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#) and [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)

(22/02/2022) **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#) (Updated to reflect the end of the asymptomatic testing programme. Reference made to UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance on contact tracing and isolation which comes into effect from Thursday 24 February 2022)

(18/02/2022)

- [Update for Cambridge schools on 2022 exams – 18 February 2022](#)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): school and college performance measures](#) (Added links to information about adjustments to the way we calculate key stage 4 performance measures and 16 to 18 performance measures for 2021 to 2022)

(16/02/2022) **DfE** updates guidance – [Post-16 qualifications at level 3: guidance for providers](#) (Updated to reflect recent changes to the timeline for the reforms, and the removal of English and Maths entry requirements from T Levels)

(15/02/2022) **DfE** publishes corporate report – [Review of the Education and Skills Funding Agency](#) (Review of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), and changes to the way the Department for Education (DfE) will operate from 1 April 2022 onwards)

(14/02/2022) **Ofqual** updates guidance – [Exam procedures review service](#) (Updated for autumn to winter 2021 to 2022) and [Terms of reference for exam procedure reviews](#) (Updates to Exam Procedures Review Service Terms of Reference for January 2022)

(11/02/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(10/02/2022)

- **Ofqual** correspondence – [Letter to heads about the release of Advance Information](#) – contains a message to share with candidates at your school or college and any private candidates you may be supporting
- The **Ofqual** blog – [What sorts of things might help you prepare for exams?](#)
- **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

(08/02/2022)

- **JCQ** issues [February 2022 Bulletin](#) (Advance Information, GCSE Autumn Exam Series, Become an Examiner for 2022, Exam Entries Deadline)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Secondary accountability measures \(including Progress 8 and Attainment 8\) and 16 to 18 accountability headline measures](#)

(07/02/2022)

- **DfE** blog – [How we are helping students prepare for exams this summer](#)
- **Ofqual** guidance:
  - [Ofqual: rolling update](#)
  - [Additional help for students taking exams in summer 2022: postcard](#)
  - [Subject-by-subject support for GCSE, AS and A level students in 2022](#)
  - [Coping with exam pressure – a guide for students](#)

- **Advance Information** links and guidance:

[AQA](#)

- Advance information available now

[Eduqas](#)

- Advance information now available

[OCR](#)

- Advance information for summer 2022 exams now available

[Pearson](#)

- Advance information now available

[WJEC](#)

- Advance information available

[JCQ](#)

- Advance Information Student Guide (also available in [plain text format](#))

- Find out more about Advance Information from JCQ member awarding organisations

- [Ofqual](#)

– **DfE** and **Ofqual** press release – [Revision help for students published for summer exams](#)

– **Ofqual** correspondence – [Advance information, summer 2022: letter to responsible officers](#)

(04/02/2022)

- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)

(03/02/2022)

- [Ofqual: rolling update](#) (Added information on special consideration for Applied Generals, Tech Awards, Tech Certs and Tech Levels in England)
- **Ofqual** guidance for awarding organisations published – [Special consideration policies for technical qualifications](#)

(02/02/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

(28/01/2022)

- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- **Ofqual** update – [Dr Jo Saxton speech at Sixth Form Colleges Association conference](#)

(27/01/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes Official Statistics – [Appeals for GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2021](#)

(26/01/2022) **AQA** issues [Exams update – January 2022](#)

(25/01/2022) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)

(24/01/2022) **DfE** joint press release – [More support for schools and students as plan B comes to an end](#)

(21/01/2022) **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update](#) and [weekly roundup](#)

(20/01/2022) **DfE** again updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#) (We have updated the 'Public health guidance to support exams for 2021 to 2022' to align with the Plan B announcement on 19 January 2022. This includes the removal of the recommendation to wear face coverings in communal areas from 27 January. We have also made housekeeping changes to streamline the guidance)

(19/01/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

- **Ofqual: rolling update** (Update to the private candidate section which states that the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has published a list of schools, colleges and other exam centres that will accept private candidate entries for GCSEs, AS and A levels in summer 2022)
- (18/01/2022) **DfE** updates guidance – **Responsibility for exams** (Updated with information about an extension to the existing ESS arrangements to allow centres to claim additional invigilator costs in cases of staff absence for exams and assessments not previously eligible)

(14/01/2022)

- **Update for Cambridge schools on 2022 exams**
- **OCR** issues **weekly roundup**
- **DfE** press release – **Reforms to encourage more students to take up language GCSEs**
- **Ofqual** news story – **New assessments for GCSE French, German and Spanish**

(13/01/2022)

- The **Ofqual** blog – **GCSE English and maths results in the November series**
- **JCQ** publishes results tables – **GCSE November 2021 English Language, Mathematics, Mathematics Numeracy and Welsh First Language**
- **Qualifications Wales** news – **Overview of November 2021 results**

(12/01/2022) **Pearson** issues **VQ Bulletin** and **General Qualifications Bulletin**

(11/01/2022) **JCQ** issues **January 2022 Bulletin – Special Consideration Applications, Modified Paper Orders, GCSE English Language and Mathematics Results – November 2021**

(10/01/2022) **Pearson** update – **Managing Absence in BTEC External Assessments**

(07/01/2022) **OCR** issues **weekly roundup**

(05/01/2022)

- **Pearson** issues **Exams Officer Update**
- **Qualifications Wales** news – **An update on exams this year**

(04/01/2022)

- **AQA** to launch major on-screen assessment pilot
- **Pearson** issues **VQ Bulletin**

(02/01/2022) **DfE** updates guidance – **Responsibility for exams** (Updated 'Public health guidance to support exams for 2021 to 2022' with changes to the advice on face coverings and brought the guidance on self-isolation arrangements in line with other government guidance)

(17/12/2021)

- **AQA** update – **January 2022 exams and assessments will go ahead as planned**
- **Eduqas** issues **VQ Update: January 2022 assessments**
- **AQA** issues **Exams update – December 2021**
- **Ofqual** updates **rolling update** (Added information about January assessments for vocational and technical qualifications)
- **OCR** issues **Exams Officer Update** and **weekly roundup**

(16/12/2021)

- **JCQ** issues **December 2021 Bulletin – Past Papers, November A Level and AS Results, Private Candidates**
- **JCQ** publishes **GCE A Level & GCE AS Level Results Autumn 2021** (England Only)
- The **Ofqual** blog – **AS and A level results in the autumn 2021 series**
- **DfE** updates guidance – **Responsibility for exams** (Updated the 'DfE exam support service: autumn 2021 exam fees, venues and invigilators' guidance to include that the claims service for DfE 2021 qualifications funding is now open)
  - **Private candidate support grant: information for exam centres**

- [Priority appeals centre payments](#)
- **Ofqual** News story – [Monitoring reports on qualification awards](#) (Ofqual oversaw the delivery of 6 million GCSE, AS and A level grades last summer, and 4.6 million vocational and technical qualification grades in past year)
- **Ofqual** publishes official statistics:
  - [Entries and late entries for GCSE, AS and A level: 2020 to 2021 academic year](#)
  - [Malpractice in GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2021 exam series](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** publishes annual release – [Malpractice for GCSE, AS and A level in Wales Summer 2021 exam series](#)

(15/12/2021) **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)

(14/12/2021)

- **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#) (Updated the section on Tracing close contacts and isolation to reflect the changes to isolation rules in 'Public health guidance to support exams for 2021 to 2022')
- **Ofqual** updates guidance – [Awarding of functional skills in 2021](#) (Updated the table, under 'The options available', that shows what assessment options each awarding organisation offers)

(10/12/2021)

- [Update for Cambridge Schools – 10 December 2021](#)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Key stage 4 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#) and [16 to 18 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(09/12/2021)

- **OCR** News – [What to expect from advance information](#)
- **WJEC** News – [Advance Information update \(Summer 2022\) – WJEC GCSE and AS/A levels](#)
- **JCQ** issues [December 2021 Bulletin](#)
- **JCQ** publishes [Advance Information Summer 2022 FAQs](#) for General Qualifications for exam centres and students
- **Ofqual** publishes a [letter to schools and colleges on advance information 2022](#)
- News story – [Permanent Ofqual Chair appointed](#)
- News story – [Ofqual publishes NRT results and contextual analysis 2021](#)

(08/12/2021) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)

(06/12/2021) **OCR** Customer Support article – [New XML results files for GCSEs and A Levels](#)

(03/12/2021)

- **AQA** update – [Entry fees for Summer 2022](#)
- **Ofqual** updates [rolling update](#)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

(02/12/2021)

- **Ofqual** publishes [Guidance for centres: awarding VTQs in 2021 and 2022](#)
- **JCQ** issues [December 2021 e-newsletter](#)
- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)

(01/12/2021)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- **ESFA** updates guidance – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) 2021 qualifications fund for schools and colleges](#) – How to submit a claim for eligible costs related to the qualifications fund for the period October 2021 to March 2022



(29/11/2021) **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#)

(26/11/2021)

- **Ofqual** News story – [New guidance for AOs on prevention of malpractice](#)
- **Ofqual** Consultation outcome – [Consultation on guidance on malpractice and maladministration](#)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(25/11/2021)

- **AQA** news - The future of GCSE Modern Foreign Languages – [A joint statement from AQA, ASCL, Association for Language Learning, Eduqas, HMC, ISMLA, NAHT, NALA and Pearson Edexcel](#)
- **Ofqual** Consultation opens on remaining policy and draft rules to regulate new digital qualifications
- **Ofqual** publishes official statistics: [Entries for GCSE: November 2021 exam series](#) – [Provisional entries for GCSE: autumn 2021 exam series](#) and updates [Statistics: vocational qualifications](#)

(24/11/2021) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)

(19/11/2021)

- [Update for Cambridge schools – 19 November 2021](#)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(18/11/2021)

- **AQA** issues [Exams update November 2021](#)
- **Ofqual** Official Statistics – [Access arrangements for GCSE, AS and A Level: 2020 to 2021 academic year](#)

(17/11/2021)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update: November 2021](#)
- **OCR** Customer Support article – [Unit level teacher assessed grades: centre reviews and appeals – Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals](#)

(16/11/2021) **Ofqual** latest – [Dr Jo Saxton speech at Federation of Awarding Bodies conference](#)

(12/11/2021)

- **AQA** update – [Contingency arrangements: GCSE, AS and A-level exams summer 2022](#)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(11/11/2021)

- **OCR** news – [Decisions and guidance on contingency planning confirmed for summer 2022](#)
- **Eduqas** issues [SUMMER 2022: Update for centres delivering Ofqual regulated Eduqas GCSEs and AS/A levels](#)
- **JCQ** issues [November 2021 Bulletin – Contingencies](#) including a link to a series of [Summer 2022 contingencies FAQs](#)
- **Ofqual** updates guidance and regulation:
  - [Understand our rules](#)
  - [GCE qualification-level conditions and requirements](#)
  - [GCSE \(9 to 1\) qualification-level conditions and requirements](#)
  - [GCE subject-level conditions for 2022](#)
  - [GCSE subject-level conditions for 2022](#)
- **DfE** and **Ofqual** News story – [Contingency plans confirmed for GCSEs, AS and A levels](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes:
  - [Analysis](#) and [decisions](#) documents following a joint DfE and Ofqual consultation on contingency arrangements for GCSE, AS and A level, Project and AEA qualifications in 2022
    - [A guidance document](#) for centres
    - [Letter to heads of schools and colleges](#)
    - [Letter to students](#)
    - [Letter to private candidates](#)

(09/11/2021) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#) and a **Reminder**: BTEC UTAGS Deadline 10/11/21

(08/11/2021) **JCQ** e-newsletter issued – [November 2021](#)

(05/11/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(04/11/2021)

- **DfE** updates [Statistics: GCSEs \(key stage 4\)](#) and [Statistics: 16 to 19 attainment](#)
- **WJEC** issues [Summer 2022 Contingency arrangements: Update for centres delivering Qualifications Wales approved WJEC GCSEs and AS/A levels](#)

(03/11/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#) and [VQ Bulletin](#)

(01/11/2021) **Ofqual** News story – [Ofqual seeks views on accessible assessments for students](#)

(27/10/2021) **OCR** update to [Summer 2022 arrangements for AS, A Level and GCSE qualifications](#) information

(22/10/2021)

- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- [Update for Cambridge schools – 22 October 2021](#)

(21/10/2021) **DfE** updates statistics collections including: [Statistics: performance tables](#), [Statistics: GCSEs \(key stage 4\)](#) and [Statistics: 16 to 19 attainment](#)

(20/10/2021)

- **AQA** update – [Autumn 2021 exams: unavailable GCSE qualifications and modules](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

(19/10/2021)

- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- **AQA** issues [Exams update – October 2021](#)

(18/10/2021) [JCQ Bulletin – 18 October 2021](#) (Contingency Planning)

(15/10/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)

(14/10/2021)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

(13/10/2021) **DfE** guidance issued – [Priority appeals centre payments](#)

(12/10/2021) **JCQ** e-newsletter issued – [October 2021 – Advance Information](#)

(11/10/2021) **JCQ** Notice issued – [Preparing for disruption to examinations](#) Effective from 11 October 2021

(08/10/2021)

- [Update for Cambridge schools – 8 October 2021](#)
- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- (07/10/2021) **Ofqual** Official Statistics published - [Provisional entries for AS and A level: autumn 2021 exam series](#)

(06/10/2021)

- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- [Qualifications Wales](#) confirms the summer 2022 grading approach
- **WJEC** update – [Summer 2022: Qualifications Wales confirms approach to grading](#)
- (05/10/2021) **JCQ** issues [Update to the JCQ A2C Migration App from 4 October 2021](#)

(01/10/2021)

- **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)

(30/09/2021)

- **AQA** update – [Consultation decisions: GCSE, AS and A-level exams summer 2022](#)
- [Update for Cambridge schools – 30 September 2021](#)
- **JCQ** issues [September 2021 Bulletin – 2022 arrangements](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [Grading approach and contingency plans for Wales](#)
- **OCR** news – [DfE and Ofqual announce changes to GCSE, AS and A Level assessments, grading and the timing of results days for summer 2022](#)
- **The Ofqual blog** - [Exams and Assessments 2022 – fairness and clarity](#)
- **DfE** guidance – [Awarding qualifications in summer 2022](#)
- **Ofqual** authorised article – [Ofqual's approach to grading exams and assessments in summer 2022 and autumn 2021](#)
- **DfE** press release – [Adaptations in 2022 summer exams to ensure fairness for students](#)
- **Ofqual** news story – [DfE guidance on vocational contingencies published](#)
- **DfE** and **Ofqual** consultation outcome – [Proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022](#)
- **DfE** and **Ofqual** open consultation – [Contingency arrangements: GCSE, AS, A level, Project and AEA](#)
- **Ofqual** and Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment guidance updated – [Exam system contingency plan: England, Wales and Northern Ireland](#)
- (29/09/2021) **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- (27/09/2021)
- **Eduqas** update – [2021/2022 Adaptations to Vocational and Other General Qualifications Published](#)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#)
- [Update for Cambridge schools – 24 September 2021](#)
- (24/09/2021) **Qualifications Wales** publishes official statistics on changes in results at a centre level in [summer 2021](#)
- (23/09/2021) **AQA** Exams administration update – [Autumn 2021 exams: unavailable qualifications](#)
- (23/09/2021) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- (23/09/2021) **JCQ** issues [September 2021 Bulletin](#) and [Autumn 2021 series FAQs](#)
- (22/09/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- (21/09/2021) **Ofqual** guidance issued – [National Reference Test 2022 – information for schools](#)
- (20/09/2021) **Ofqual** news story – [New Chief Regulator at Ofqual](#)
- (17/09/2021) **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- (16/09/2021) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- (15/09/2021) **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update: September 2021](#)
- (14/09/2021) **OCR** news – [Adaptations for Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals during 2021/22 confirmed](#)
- (13/09/2021) **OCR** article – [Autumn 2021: What will the question papers look like?](#)
- (10/09/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- (10/09/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools – 10 September 2021](#)
- (09/09/2021) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- (08/09/2021) **Eduqas** survey [Teachers, Exams Officers, senior leaders – centre visits for moderation and assessment in 2022 – have your say!](#)
- (08/09/2021) **AQA** issues [Exams update – September 2021](#)
- (08/09/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

- (07/09/2021) **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#)
- (06/09/2021) **AQA** updates – [Autumn 2021 exams: qualifications with no entries after the entry deadline and Autumn 2021 question papers](#)
- (06/09/2021) **JCQ** issues [E-newsletter September 2021](#)
- (06/09/2021) Provisional exam timetables available [on AQA OCR Pearson WJEC and Eduqas websites](#) -The comments period for the summer 2022 timetables will be open from 6 to 24 September 2021
- (06/09/2021) **JCQ** news – [Ian Morgan appointed Chairman of JCQ's Board of Directors](#)
- (03/09/2021) **WJEC** publishes [Summer 2022: Learner Survey outcomes](#)
- (03/09/2021) **OCR** issues [first autumn term roundup](#)
- (02/09/2021) **Pearson** issues [GQ Bulletin](#)

- ↑ (27/08/2021) **JCQ** issues [Update for SENCOs and equivalent members of staff – Access Arrangements Online](#) - August 2021
- ↑ (27/08/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools](#) - 27 August 2021
- ↑ (25/08/2021) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (24/08/2021) **Ofqual** News story - [More than 1,300 VTQ penalties issued in 2019 to 2020 links to report - Malpractice in vocational and technical qualifications: academic year 2019 to 2020](#)
- ↑ (20/08/2021) **Ofqual** publishes Collection pages – [GCSE, AS and A level qualifications in 2022](#) and [Vocational, technical and other general qualifications in 2022](#)
- ↑ (20/08/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools](#) – 20 August 2021
- ↑ (20/08/2021) **Ofqual** updates [Analysis of results...](#)
- ↑ (19/08/2021) **JCQ** issues news releases – [Summer 2021 JCQ GCE Press Slides](#) and [Summer 2021 JCQ GCE Press Slides](#)
- ↑ (19/08/2021) **JCQ** issues [August Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (18/08/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (17/08/2021) **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#) (Updated 'Public health guidance to support exams from January 2021' guidance. Updated Stepping measures up and down section)
- ↑ (12/08/2021) **WJEC** news – [Today candidates receive their 2021 GCSE and Welsh Baccalaureate results](#)
- ↑ (12/08/2021) **Eduqas** news – [Today candidates receive their 2021 GCSE results](#)
- ↑ (12/08/2021) **Qualifications Wales** news – [GCSE learners in Wales receive their grades following a difficult year](#)
- ↑ (12/08/2021) **DfE** Press release – [Pupils celebrate GCSE results](#)
- ↑ (12/08/2021) **OCR** news – [GCSE and Cambridge Nationals results day is here!](#)
- ↑ (12/08/2021) **JCQ** publishes:
  - [Main Results Tables and Other Results Information](#) – GCSE and other results information Summer 2021
  - [GCSE Press Notices](#) – UK, Wales and Northern Ireland
- ↑ (12/08/2021) **Ofqual** publishes:
  - [Guide to GCSE results for England, 2021 \(News story\)](#)
  - [Guide to 2021 Level 1, Level 2 & Level 1/2 results for VTQs \(News story\)](#)
  - [Analysis of GCSE and A level results](#)
  - [Analysis of L1, L2 and L3 VTQ results](#)
  - [Infographics for 2021 GCSE results](#)

- [Interactive analytics of GCSE and A level outcomes over time, variability in centres' results, and outcomes by county](#)
- ↑ (11/08/2021) **DfE** Press release – [Education Secretary congratulates GCSE students on results day](#)
- ↑ (11/08/2021) **Ofqual** again updates [Ofqual: rolling update](#)
- ↑ (10/08/2021) **DfE** updates guidance:
  - [Key stage 4 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#)
  - [16 to 18 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#)
  - [English Baccalaureate: eligible qualifications](#)
- ↑ (10/08/2021) **AQA** – [Everything you need to know for results days 2021](#)
- ↑ (10/08/2021) **Pearson** – [Results day support](#)
- ↑ (10/08/2021) **DfE** Press release – [Record numbers of students take up university places](#)
- ↑ (10/08/2021) **Qualifications Wales** news – [Learners in Wales receive their A and AS level grades today after a difficult year](#)
- ↑ (10/08/2021) **WJEC** news – [Congratulations to students receiving their final summer 2021 results today](#) (Wales results)
- ↑ (10/08/2021) **Eduqas** news – [Congratulations to students receiving their summer 2021 results today](#) (UK results)
- ↑ (10/08/2021) **OCR** news – [Our results day message to students](#)
- ↑ (10/08/2021) **JCQ** publishes:
  - [JCQ VTQ Statement – Results Day](#)
  - [Main Results Tables](#) – A-Level, AS, Extended Project, AEA Results Summer 2021
  - [GCE Press Notices](#) – UK, Wales and Northern Ireland
- ↑ (10/08/2021) **Ofqual** publishes:
  - [Infographic: A level results 2021](#)
  - [Guide to the 2021 Level 3 qualification results for VTQs in England](#) (News story)
  - [Guide to AS and A level results for England, 2021](#) (News story)
  - [Analysis of results: A levels summer 2021](#) (Research)
  - [Analysis of results: VTQs, 2021](#) (Research)
  - [An analysis VTQ grades awarded in spring and summer 2020](#) (Research)
- ↑ (09/08/2021) **AQA** Exams administration update – [Consultation decisions: VTQs in 2022](#)
- ↑ (09/08/2021) **DfE**:
  - [A letter to teachers from Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education](#)
  - Press release – [Education Secretary congratulates students on A level results day](#)
  - [Private candidate support grant: information for exam centres](#) guidance updated
- ↑ (09/08/2021) **Ofqual** updates:
  - [Student guide to awarding: summer 2021](#)
  - [Ofqual: rolling update](#)
- ↑ (06/08/2021) **JCQ** issues e-newsletter [August 2021](#)
- ↑ (06/08/2021) **Ofqual** news story – [2021 to 22 exams arrangements for VTQs confirmed after consultation](#)
- ↑ (06/08/2021) **Ofqual** and **DfE** publish consultation outcome – [Arrangements for the assessment and awarding of vocational, technical and other general qualifications: 2021 to 2022](#)

- ↑ (06/08/2021) **Ofqual** updates [Vocational and technical qualifications contingency regulatory framework](#)
- ↑ (06/08/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools](#)
- ↑ (06/08/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (06/08/2021) **JCQ** provides **Summer 2021 student guide** and [handout](#) (What to do if you think there has been an error in your grading)
- ↑ (06/08/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (06/08/2021) **Ofqual** publishes guidance – [Exam procedures review service](#)
- ↑ (06/08/2021) The **Ofqual** Blog – [What to expect from AS, A level and GCSE results next week](#) and [The regulations for VTQs and other generals in 2021 to 22: what they mean for you](#)
- ↑ (05/08/2021) **JCQ** provides [External Quality Assurance process summary](#)
- ↑ (04/08/2021) **Ofqual** guidance published – [Delivery of qualification results: vocational and technical qualifications](#)
- ↑ (30/07/2021) The **Ofqual** blog – [More than half a million functional skills qualifications taken despite pandemic](#)
- ↑ (29/07/2021) **OCR** news - [Countdown to results days 2021](#)
- ↑ (29/07/2021) **Ofqual** issues news story [Grading gaps in summer 2020](#) and [research reports](#)
- ↑ (29/07/2021) **Ofqual** updates [General Qualifications Alternative Awarding Framework](#)
- ↑ (28/07/2021) **OCR** confirms [summer 2021 fee rebate](#)
- ↑ (26/07/2021) **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#)
- ↑ (23/07/2021) **Ofqual** publishes consultation outcome: [Terms of Reference for EPRS in summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (22/07/2021) **Ofqual** updates [Student guide to awarding: summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (21/07/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (19/07/2021) **DfE** updates guidance – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): school and college performance measures](#)
- ↑ (19/07/2021) **AQA** update (published 16 July) – [Our refund for summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (16/07/2021) **AQA** issues [Exams update – July 2021](#)
- ↑ (16/07/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (16/07/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools – 16 July 2021](#)
- ↑ (15/07/2021) **WJEC** publishes [Summer 2022: Adaptations to GCSE and AS/A level qualifications](#)
- ↑ (15/07/2021) **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (14/07/2021) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (13/07/2021) **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#)  
Update covers 'Exam centre responsibility for students retaking qualifications from summer 2020 and summer 2021' and 'DfE exam support service: autumn 2021 exam fees, venues and invigilators'.
- ↑ (13/07/2021) **OCR** news – [Consultations on arrangements for academic year 2021/2022 summary](#)
- ↑ (12/07/2021) **AQA** update – [Consultation launch: arrangements for summer 2022 key points](#)
- ↑ (12/07/2021) **DfE** issues Education in the media blog – [What you need to know about exams in 2022](#)
- ↑ (12/07/2021) **JCQ** issues [July 2021 Autumn 2021 Timetable Bulletin](#)



- ↑ (12/07/2021) **Ofqual** launches joint consultations with the **DfE** on [proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022](#) and [arrangements for the assessment and awarding of vocational, technical and other general qualifications: 2021 to 2022](#)
- ↑ (12/07/2021) **DfE** and **Ofqual** press release – [Proposals set out for exams and assessments in 2022](#)
- ↑ (09/07/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (09/07/2021) **OCR** Customer Support updates article – [Autumn 2021 exam series](#)
- ↑ (08/07/2021) **Ofqual** issues guidance – [Ofqual: rolling update](#)
- ↑ (07/07/2021) **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#)
- ↑ (07/07/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (06/07/2021) **Ofqual's** student survey on Teacher Assessed Grades, summer 2021 and **Ofqual's** teaching staff survey on Teacher Assessed Grades, summer 2021
- ↑ (05/07/2021) **Qualifications Wales** survey – [Confidence in the value of GCSEs and A levels remains high](#)
- ↑ (02/07/2021) **JCQ** issues e-newsletter [July 2021](#) containing a link to a [Grading Timeline](#) infographic to keep students informed
- ↑ (02/07/2021) **Cambridge International** issues [Update on our plans for the November 2021 series – 2 July 2021](#)
- ↑ (02/07/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (01/07/2021) **Eduqas** launches Remote Assessment Consultation – A consultation regarding centre visits for moderating NEA for our GCSE and AS/A level qualifications in England in 2022 is now open to Eduqas teachers. Access via the homepage of our Secure Website and have your say ahead of the July 11th deadline
- ↑ (01/07/2021) **Qualifications Wales** publishes [Exam Procedures Review Service 2021](#) (30 June 2021)
- ↑ (26/06/2021) **JCQ** news release [GCE and GCSE Summer 2021 Results Day Embargo Change](#)
- ↑ (25/06/2021) **JCQ** issues [Bulletin](#) (GCE and GCSE Results Day Embargo Change)
- ↑ (25/06/2021) **AQA** issues [Fortnightly Exams update – June 2021](#)
- ↑ (25/06/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (25/06/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools – 25 June 2021](#)
- ↑ (24/06/2021) **Eduqas** update for schools/colleges in England and Northern Ireland – [Qualification entry fees reduced](#)
- ↑ (22/06/2021) **Qualifications Wales** publishes [General Qualifications Alternative Awarding Framework for Wales](#)
- ↑ (22/06/2021) **WJEC** update for schools/colleges in Wales – [Qualification entry fees reduced](#)
- ↑ (21/06/2021) **JCQ** issues [Bulletin](#) (TAG Submission next steps...)
- ↑ (18/06/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (18/06/2021) **DfE** News story – [Education Secretary selects preferred candidate for new Ofqual Chief Regulator](#)
- ↑ (17/06/2021) The **Ofqual** blog – [What students, teachers, parents and carers think and feel about assessments this year in the wake of the pandemic](#)
- ↑ (17/06/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (17/06/2021) **AQA** update – [2022 NEA and fieldwork requirements consultation decisions explained](#)
- ↑ (16/06/2021) **STA** updates list of qualifications on the [Dispatch of exam scripts: yellow label service](#)

- ↑ (16/06/2021) **Ofqual** News story – [Non-exam assessment proposals receive strong support](#) and Consultation outcome – [Arrangements for non-exam assessment for qualifications in 2022](#)
- ↑ (15/06/2021) **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (15/06/2021) **Qualifications Wales** publishes [2021 Resources](#) page and [Information for learners](#) page
- ↑ (15/06/2021) **Pearson** issues – Submitting Teacher Assessed Grades [Top Ten Tips for Exams Officers](#)
- ↑ (14/06/2021) **JCQ** [Appeals Letter](#) written to Heads of Centre and Senior Leaders to provide directional support on this summer's Appeals process
- ↑ (14/06/2021) **JCQ** issues [Appeals Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (14/06/2021) **Ofqual** Open consultation – [Terms of Reference for EPRS in summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (14/06/2021) **Ofqual** News story – [Exam Procedures Review Service in Summer 2021 – consultation on the Terms of Reference](#)
- ↑ (11/06/2021) **AQA** update – Ofqual and JCQ publish information on 2021 series appeals
- ↑ (11/06/2021) **JCQ** issues [Quality Assurance Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (11/06/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (11/06/2021) **Ofqual** – Chief Regulator's [Guest blog: Submission of GCSE, AS and A level grades, and some VTQs](#) for the NGA
- ↑ (10/06/2021) **Pearson** publishes details of [final TAG/Q-TAG Submission Q&A Event](#)
- ↑ (10/06/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (09/06/2021) **WJEC** launches [Learner survey – proposed changes to GCSE and AS/A level assessments in 2022](#)
- ↑ (09/06/2021) **DfE** publishes blog – [Exam Appeals: What can I do if I think my grade is wrong? How do I appeal? What will happen if I appeal? Your questions answered](#)
- ↑ (09/06/2021) **Pearson** Exams Officers Support point to the [BTEC Appeals Guidance 2021](#)
- ↑ (08/06/2021) **JCQ** issues [June 2021](#) e-newsletter
- ↑ (08/06/2021) Last week **Parentkind** published a [blog](#) titled 'What 2021 results will mean for your child' by Simon Lebus, Ofqual's Chief Regulator
- ↑ (08/06/2021) **JCQ** publishes [A guide to appeals processes Summer 2021 series](#) and additionally provides [Appendix B – Appendix F](#) as separate documents
- ↑ (08/06/2021) **Ofqual** updates [Information for heads of centre, heads of department and teachers on the submission of teacher assessed grades: summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (08/06/2021) **Ofqual** publishes Consultation outcome – [Consultation on guidance in relation to appeals under the GQAA framework in 2021](#)
- ↑ (07/06/2021) **DfE** issues [Additional advice for centres on ransomware and cyber security](#)
- ↑ (07/06/2021) Autumn 2021 provisional exam timetables published and comments period open:
  - [AQA](#)
  - [OCR](#)
  - [Pearson](#)
  - [Eduqas](#)
- ↑ (07/06/2021) **AQA** issues [Fortnightly Exams update – June 2021](#)
- ↑ (03/06/2021) **JCQ** publishes [Key Dates – exceptional Autumn 2021 series and standard GCSE November 2021 series](#)
- ↑ (28/05/2021) **City & Guilds** issues [Centre guidance for submitting Alternative Results and Evidence](#)
- ↑ (28/05/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools – 28 May 2021](#)

- ↑ (28/05/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (27/05/2021) **JCQ Bulletin** issued
- ↑ (27/05/2021) **Qualifications Wales** publishes [Provisional Entries for Summer 2021 GCSEs, AS, A levels and Skills Challenge Certificate for Wales](#)
- ↑ (27/05/2021) **DfE** National Statistics – [A level and other 16 to 18 results: 2019 to 2020 \(provisional\)](#)
- ↑ (27/05/2021) **Ofqual** Official Statistics – [Provisional entries for GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2021 exam series](#)
- ↑ (26/05/2021) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (25/05/2021) **Ofqual** publishes alternative formats of the [Student guide to awarding: summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (24/05/2021) **Ofqual** News story – [Interactive GCSE, AS and A level data visualisation tool launched](#)
- ↑ (21/05/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools – 21 May 2021](#)
- ↑ (21/05/2021) **AQA** issues [Fortnightly Exams update – May 2021](#)
- ↑ (21/05/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (20/05/2021) **Ofqual** publishes [Guidance for centres: awarding of VTQs: summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (20/05/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (19/05/2021) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (18/05/2021) **OCR** Customer Support added an article – [How do I use the OCR Grade Submission System?](#)
- ↑ (17/05/2021) **Qualifications Wales** issues [Further information for schools and colleges on the appeals process in summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (17/05/2021) The **Ofqual** blog – [Teacher judgements in 2021: what we can learn from 2020 and Bias in teacher assessment results](#)
- ↑ (14/05/2021) **JCQ** issues infographic – [Special Consideration Decision Tree](#)
- ↑ (14/05/2021) **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update – May 2021](#) and [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (14/05/2021) **Ofqual** issues news story [2022 non-exam assessment and fieldwork requirements consultation](#) on launch of open consultation – [Arrangements for non-exam assessment for qualifications in 2022](#)
- ↑ (13/05/2021) **NCFE** update – [Ten top tips and reminders for Teacher Assessed Grade \(TAG\) submission](#)
- ↑ (13/05/2021) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (12/05/2021) **WJEC Eduqas** announces the launch of the new secure platform [Portal](#) for centres to submit learner grades from 26 May
- ↑ (12/05/2021) **DfE** updates [Responsibility for exams](#)
- ↑ (10/05/2021) **Ofqual** publishes [Student guide to awarding: summer 2021](#) (updated on 13/05/2021) and issues press release – [Guide for students released today by Ofqual](#)
- ↑ (07/05/2021) **JCQ** e-newsletter – [May](#) issued
- ↑ (07/05/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (07/05/2021) **AQA** issues [Exams update – May 2021](#)
- ↑ (07/05/2021) **OCR** news – [Details of autumn 2021 exams confirmed](#)
- ↑ (05/05/2021) **AQA** update – [Autumn 2021 series consultation decisions explained](#)
- ↑ (05/05/2021) **JCQ** publishes [Summer 2021 Quality Assurance Stage 3 Addendum](#) dated 28 April 2021
- ↑ (05/05/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)

- ↑ (05/05/2021) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (04/05/2021) **Ofqual** updates [Vocational and technical qualifications contingency regulatory framework](#)
- ↑ (04/05/2021) **Ofqual** Consultation outcome [Consultation on autumn assessment opportunities for VTQ and other general qualifications](#)
- ↑ (04/05/2021) **Ofqual** Consultation outcome [Consultation on arrangements for an autumn 2021 exam series](#)
- ↑ (04/05/2021) News story [Ofqual confirms autumn assessment arrangements](#)
- ↑ (30/04/2021) **JCQ** provides [Summer 2021 Grading FAQs](#)
- ↑ (30/04/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (30/04/2021) **Pearson** confirms [Extension to GCSE tier of entry deadline summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (30/04/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools – 30 April 2021](#)
- ↑ (29/04/2021) **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (27/04/2021) **DfE** updates guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#)
- ↑ (27/04/2021) **JCQ** issues [JCQ Bulletin -27 April 2021](#)
- ↑ (27/04/2021) **Ofqual** news story [Ofqual confirms detail on submitting grades and evidence for this year's GCSE, AS and A level grades](#)
- ↑ (27/04/2021) **Ofqual** updates guidance – [Information for heads of centre, heads of department and teachers on the submission of teacher assessed grades: summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (26/04/2021) **NCFE** confirms website [update](#) with further information on Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) for Functional Skills
- ↑ (26/04/2021) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (24/04/2021) **AQA** update (published late on 23 April) – [Quality assurance for GCSE, AS and A-level – requirements for samples of students' work](#)
- ↑ (23/04/2021) **AQA** update - [JCQ and Ofqual guidance on maintaining objectivity when deciding grades in summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (23/04/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (23/04/2021) **JCQ** publishes guidance on [Maintaining Objectivity](#)
- ↑ (22/04/2021) **JCQ** publishes [Special consideration – Summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (22/04/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (22/04/2021) **Ofqual** Blog – [Quality assurance for GCSE, AS and A level: information for schools and colleges](#)
- ↑ (22/04/2021) **Ofqual** News story – [Functional Skills qualifications conditions, requirements and guidance updated](#)
- ↑ (21/04/2021) **AQA** update – [We're scrapping fees for late tier changes this year](#)
- ↑ (21/04/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (21/04/2021) **AQA** Exams Officer Services update – [Dedicated Exampro resource for Summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (21/04/2021) **Ofqual** Open consultation – [Consultation on guidance in relation to appeals under the GQAA framework in 2021](#)
- ↑ (21/04/2021) **Pearson** | News story – [Proposed guidance on 2021 appeals published](#)
- ↑ (20/04/2021) **IB** update – May 2021 Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme [Understanding assessment during COVID-19](#)
- ↑ (20/04/2021) **OCR** news update – [How our support materials can help grade students this summer](#)
- ↑ (20/04/2021) **DfE** updates guidance – [Awarding qualifications in summer 2021](#) to clarify how to award functional skills qualifications and English for Speakers of Other Languages

- ↑ (20/04/2021) **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update – April 2021](#)
- ↑ (19/04/2021) **AQA** update – [Guidance to help determine students’ grades: Vocational, technical and other qualifications](#)
- ↑ (19/04/2021) **JCQ** news release – [DfE and National Cyber Security Centre Ransomware Update](#)
- ↑ (19/04/2021) **DFE** updates guidance – [Private candidate support grant: information for exam centres to include provision for candidates in Wales](#)
- ↑ (19/04/2021) **AQA** update (published 16 April) – [Applied Generals and Tech Award to receive back-calculated results: grading in summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (16/04/2021) **Pearson** Customer Support issue an update – [Pearson Past Papers](#)
- ↑ (16/04/2021) **OCR** Customer Support added an article – [What are the arrangements for Vocational Qualifications \(VTQs\) in 2020/21?](#)
- ↑ (16/04/2021) **Cambridge** – [Update on the June 2021 series – 16 April 2021](#)
- ↑ (16/04/2021) [Qualifications Wales publishes guidance for private candidates for 2021](#)
- ↑ (16/04/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (16/04/2021) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (16/04/2021) **Pearson** Exams Officer Support update issued in response to some concerns raised regarding calls assessing centres readiness for the GQ Quality Assurance process and the awarding of TAGs
- ↑ (15/04/2021) **NCFE** update – [Key dates for your diary](#)
- ↑ (15/04/2021) **Pearson** update – [Edexcel Online \(EOL\): Changes to user accounts](#)
- ↑ (14/04/2021) **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (14/04/2021) **AQA** issues [Exams update – April 2021](#)
- ↑ (14/04/2021) **NCFE** update – [Paper modifications for paper based Functional Skills](#)
- ↑ (13/04/2021) **JCQ** publishes [A Guide to the Submission of Centre Policy](#)
- ↑ (13/04/2021) **JCQ** issues [Centre Policy Bulletin – April 2021](#)
- ↑ (13/04/2021) **OCR** Customer Support added an article – [Summer 2021: Access arrangements and modified paper requests](#)
- ↑ (13/04/2021) **AQA** update – [Get ready for grading with our free on-demand training](#)
- ↑ (13/04/2021) **OCR** update – a reminder of what’s available when – [Additional assessment materials for summer 21 available for schools and colleges](#)
- ↑ (12/04/2021) **AQA** update – [Why exam boards are using past questions for summer 2021](#) (published 9 April)
- ↑ (09/04/2021) **JCQ** issues [April Communications Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (09/04/2021) **NCFE** update – [Complete our Teacher Assessed Grading Strategy Form](#)
- ↑ (08/04/2021) **DFE** Education in the media Blog – [How will my grades be calculated? How will you make them fair?](#)
- ↑ (07/04/2021) **City & Guilds** further update to [Functional Skills](#) information
- ↑ (07/04/2021) **JCQ** article (published 26 March) [outlines the thinking behind the approach to GCSE and A-level grading](#)
- ↑ (06/04/2021) **NCFE** creates a short video taking you through [Ofqual qualification categories for Teacher Assessed Grades](#)
- ↑ (06/04/2021) **Ofqual** updates guidance – [Awarding of functional skills in 2021](#)
- ↑ (01/04/2021) **NCFE** update – [Quality Assurance Policy for Awarding for 2020-21](#)
- ↑ (01/04/2021) **WJEC** update – [Summer 2021 Mythbuster](#)

- ↑ (01/04/2021) **Update for Cambridge schools on the June 2021 series – 01 April 2021**
- ↑ (01/04/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (31/03/2021) **City & Guilds** updates [Functional Skills](#) guidance
- ↑ (31/03/2021) **OCR** update - [Additional assessment materials for summer 21 available for schools and colleges](#)
- ↑ (31/03/2021) **AQA** update - [Supporting private candidates – how to find a school, college or exam centre this summer](#)
- ↑ (31/03/2021) **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#) and [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (31/03/2021) **JCQ** issues [JCQ Private Candidates Bulletin](#) and provides [a list of centres in England who will accept GCSE and AS/A Level private candidate entries this summer](#)
- ↑ (31/03/2021) **Eduqas** direct update to centres – *SUMMER 2021: Update for centres delivering Ofqual regulated Eduqas GCSEs, AS and A levels* – provides a brief summary of the support materials released today and those that will also be available for centres in the coming weeks
- ↑ (30/03/2021) **JCQ** provides [VTQ summer 2021 materials](#) -This section of the website provides support materials to help with the administration of VTQs summer 2021 assessments:
  - [Consolidated overview of summer 2021 VTQ approach](#)
- ↑ (29/03/2021) Federation of Awarding Bodies (**FAB**) publishes [TAG approach for Functional Skills: A paper by the Federation's FS Group](#)
- ↑ (29/03/2021) **NCFE** update – [NCFE paper-based Functional Skills external assessments](#)
- ↑ (26/03/2021) **Eduqas** update – [JCQ Centre Guidance now available](#)
- ↑ (26/03/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (26/03/2021) **Pearson** provides updates including a document – [Navigating the JCQ guidance for summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (26/03/2021) **OCR** updates [news](#) page and provides a section - [New OCR guidance for Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals in summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (26/03/2021) **JCQ** issues *JCQ Summer 2021 Guidance Documentation Bulletin* directly to subscribers
- ↑ (26/03/2021) **AQA** latest updates added to section [2021 exam changes](#)
- ↑ (26/03/2021) **JCQ** publishes the following:

#### Guidance

- [JCQ Centre Guidance on the Determination of Grades](#)
- [Centre Policy Summary Form](#)
- [Student, parent and guardian guidance](#)

#### Templates (optional documents)

- [Centre Policy template](#)
- [Assessment record template](#)
- [Head of Department Checklist template](#)

#### Grading supporting documentation

- [A/AS Level grade descriptors](#)
- [GCSE grade descriptors](#)
- [Worked examples](#)

#### Further support materials

- [Private Candidate FAQs](#)



- ↑ (26/03/2021) **NCFE** issues reminder re [V Cert and CACHE external assessment bookings](#)
- ↑ (25/03/2021) **Ofqual** update – interactive 2021 [Qualifications Explainer Tool](#) is now live
- ↑ (25/03/2021) **Qualifications Wales** updates [Awarding in 2021](#) with latest key facts
- ↑ (25/03/2021) **Pearson** Exams Officers Support points to [Unseen Content Assessment Schedule for International GCSE and International AS/A level](#) information
- ↑ (25/03/2021) Update for Cambridge schools on the June 2021 series – 25 March 2021
- ↑ (25/03/2021) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#) (Issue 12)
- ↑ (25/03/2021) **OCR** signposts to first guidance on [Determining grades](#) for Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals in summer 2021
- ↑ (24/03/2021) **NCFE** updates [Approach to awarding document](#)
- ↑ (24/03/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update](#)
- ↑ (24/03/2021) **Ofqual** has published a [news story](#) that outlines the following documents:
 

The [decisions and analysis](#) following the consultation on the general qualifications alternative awarding framework

[Information for heads of centre](#) on the submission of teacher assessed grades for GCSEs, AS, A levels, Project Qualifications and AEA in maths

[Information for centres about making objective judgements](#)

General Qualifications Alternative Awarding [Framework](#)

[Consultation analysis and outcomes](#) for regulatory arrangements for the awarding of vocational and technical and other general qualifications in 2020-2021

[Vocational and technical qualifications contingency regulatory framework, COVID-19 Conditions and Requirements](#)

[Vocational and technical qualifications contingency regulatory framework, COVID-19 Guidance](#)

[Extraordinary regulatory framework: VTQ, Covid-19 Conditions and Requirements](#)

Awarding organisation coronavirus (COVID-19) [information pages guidance](#)

**Ofqual** has also launched a [consultation on autumn assessment opportunities for VTQs](#). The closing date is 7 April 2021
- ↑ (24/03/2021) **OCR** update – *Results for Cambridge Nationals* from the January 2021 series will be released tomorrow – [Find out what's available and when...](#)
- ↑ (24/03/2021) **Pearson** Exams Officers Support update – *BTEC Summer 2021 – Entry Communications Clarification* [read more...](#)
- ↑ (23/03/2021) **City & Guilds** updates [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and [Updated 22 March – Technical Qualifications – Teacher Assessed Grades Centre Guidance](#)
- ↑ (23/03/2021) **Qualifications Wales** news – [Adaptations for 2022 and final details for 2021 announced](#)
- ↑ (23/03/2021) **Pearson** Exams Officers Support reminds of [BTEC Entry Deadline](#)
- ↑ (23/03/2021) **AQA** adds [Key dates for summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (22/03/2021) **AQA** 2021 exam changes update (published 19 March) – [How private candidates will be assessed in summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (19/03/2021) **NCFE** offers [a series of recorded webinars](#) giving further detailed guidance on the approach to awarding in 2020-21
- ↑ (19/03/2021) **JCQ** issues [March Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (19/03/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#)
- ↑ (19/03/2021) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#) (Issue 11)
- ↑ (19/03/2021) **Cambridge** - [Update on the June 2021 series – 19 March 2021](#)

- ↑ (18/03/2021) The **DfE Qualifications 2021** team are hosting a webinar on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** from 10–10.45am for centres who may be interested in supporting private candidates. This will be an opportunity for exams officers, heads of centre, and other relevant staff to receive information and ask questions about the private candidate support grant [read more...](#)
- ↑ (18/03/2021) **DfE** guidance – [Responsibility for exams](#) – updated 'Public health guidance to support exams from January 2021' to confirm the types of scheduled assessments that can still go ahead
- ↑ (17/03/2021) **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- ↑ (17/03/2021) **AQA** update [Keeping students' work for the summer 2021 series](#)
- ↑ (17/03/2021) **Pearson Exams Officers Support** issues – Special Consideration Guidance - Today's results will be issued for all learners who sat the external assessments in January. Where a learner was absent, these will be flagged as 'absent' regardless of special consideration application...
- ↑ (17/03/2021) **Ofqual** update – Public response analysis document has been added to [Support materials and advance information in 2021 GCSE, AS and A level exams](#)
- ↑ (17/03/2021) **Ofqual** launches [Consultation on arrangements for an autumn 2021 exam series](#) -This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 9 April 2021
- ↑ (17/03/2021) **Ofqual** News story [Consultation on autumn series 2021](#)
- ↑ (16/03/2021) **Pearson** updates [BTEC FAQs](#) - External Assessment Entries
- ↑ (16/03/2021) **OCR** Private candidate update – there's more time for your entries to be made for this summer – find out [more](#)
- ↑ (16/03/2021) **OCR** update – Results for Cambridge Technicals from the January 2021 exams will be released tomorrow – find out [more](#)
- ↑ (16/03/2021) **JCQ** will be producing a list of centres willing to offer GCSEs, AS or A levels to private candidates who wish to enter in Summer 2021. All JCQ centres will be given the opportunity to be added to the list. An email is being sent to exam centres on the National Centre Number (NCN) register
- ↑ (15/03/2021) **City & Guilds** issues [update on Assessment arrangements](#)
- ↑ (15/03/2021) **JCQ** publishes [Interim Guidance for Centres Accepting Private Candidate Entries for GCSE, AS and A level qualifications in Summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (15/03/2021) **JCQ** publishes [Information for centres RETENTION OF CANDIDATES' WORK FOR THE SUMMER 2021 SERIES](#)
- ↑ (15/03/2021) **DfE** guidance [Private candidate support grant: information for exam centres](#)
- ↑ (15/03/2021) **JCQ** update [JCQ e-newsletter – March 2021 \(clarification\)](#)
- ↑ (15/03/2021) **OCR** Customer Support add an article to the section [Exams Officers – Autumn 2021 exam series GCSE, AS and A Level](#)
- ↑ (12/03/2021) **NCFE** update – [Your most popular questions of the week with quick answers](#)
- ↑ (12/03/2021) **OCR** issues [weekly roundup](#) including *Grade submission system update*, *Cambridge Nationals roadshows and CEM free trial* and [Exams Officer Update – March 2021](#)
- ↑ (12/03/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools about the June 2021 series – 12 March 2021](#)
- ↑ (11/03/2021) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#) (Issue 10)
- ↑ (11/03/2021) **AQA** issues [Exams update – March 2021](#)
- ↑ (11/03/2021) **OCR** updates/adds articles to the section [Exams Officers](#) on on *NEA/Coursework in summer 2021*, *Cambridge Technicals entries for summer 2021* and *What are the arrangements for endorsement grades in summer 2021?*
- ↑ (10/03/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update: 10 March 2021](#)

- ↑ (10/03/2021) **Ofqual** News story [Proposals for future assessment arrangements for GCSE French, German and Spanish](#) and Open consultation [Revised GCSE qualifications in modern foreign languages](#)
- ↑ (10/03/2021) **DFE** Open consultation [GCSE modern foreign languages \(MFL\) subject content review](#)
- ↑ (09/03/2021) **AQA** confirms the deadline for submitting endorsement levels will be the same as the one for submitting grades: 18 June
- ↑ (09/03/2021) **Pearson** Exams Officers Support point to BTEC FAQs update – [Should I make entries for on-demand tests?](#)
- ↑ (08/03/2021) **WJEC** update – [Qualification Assessment Frameworks – a range of evidence can be used](#)
- ↑ (08/03/2021) **OCR** Customer Support updates – [Cambridge Nationals entries for summer 2021](#) and (updated 5 March) [Cambridge Technicals entries for summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (08/03/2021) **JCQ** publishes [JCQ Awarding 2021 presentation](#) (Content was first presented on 3 March and it is subject to change following the publication of the regulatory framework by Ofqual expected to be during the w/c 22 March 2021, following the completion of the current technical consultation)
- ↑ (08/03/2021) **Ofqual** updates guidance on [Awarding of functional skills in 2021](#)
- ↑ (05/03/2021) **AQA** confirmed on social media they will not be collecting NEA marks, therefore there is no deadline and will be in touch next week to confirm the endorsement submission dates
- ↑ (05/03/2021) **OCR** [weekly roundup](#) including *Updates on assessment evidence and submitting grades this summer*
- ↑ (05/03/2021) **JCQ** launches a dedicated [Summer 2021 Arrangements](#) hub where support, news, guidance etc. for stakeholders will be provided in one place as it becomes available
- ↑ (05/03/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools – 5 March 2021](#)
- ↑ (05/03/2021) **JCQ** issues [JCQ e-newsletter – March](#)
- ↑ (04/03/2021) **Qualifications Wales** confirms appeals process and routes for private candidates
- ↑ (03/03/2021) **Pearson** Exams Officer Support update – [Centre Management Reminder \(Quality and administrative checks required for BTEC\)](#)
- ↑ (02/03/2021) **Pearson** publishes [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#) (Issue 9)
- ↑ (01/03/2021) **Qualifications Wales** update – [Awarding in 2021](#)
- ↑ (01/03/2021) **NCFE** update – [Access our qualification checker tool](#)
- ↑ (01/03/2021) The **Ofqual** blog – [Remote assessment and invigilation in vocational and technical qualifications](#)
- ↑ (01/03/2021) **OCR** Customer Support added an article – *Private candidates in summer 2021* – to the section [Exams Officers](#)
- ↑ (01/03/2021) **Ofqual** and **DfE** guidance – [National Reference Test 2021 – updated information for schools](#)
- ↑ (01/03/2021) **Ofqual** News story [Draft guidance for heads of centre, heads of department and teachers](#) – *Consultation* on guidance on how to generate the evidence used to determine grades this summer
- ↑ (27/02/2021) **AQA** update (published 26 February) [What it means: summer 2021 consultation decisions explained](#)
- ↑ (26/02/2021) **Pearson** [COVID-19](#) page updated
- ↑ (26/02/2021) **OCR** [weekly roundup](#) including *How students will get their grades this summer, Fees invoicing update and Redeveloped Cambridge Nationals*

- ↑ (26/02/2021) **OCR** updates on Consultation decisions – [How students taking GCSEs, AS and A Levels will get results this summer](#) and [How students taking Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals will get results in summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (26/02/2021) **NCFE** update – [Qualifications which can be awarded through a Teacher Assessed Grade](#)
- ↑ (26/02/2021) Update for Cambridge schools on 2021 exams – 26 February 2021
- ↑ (26/02/2021) **Eduqas** update – [Ofqual consultation outcomes and response](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Qualifications Wales** update – [Three country approach to awarding vocational qualifications this summer confirmed](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **DfE** Education in the media blog [What you need to know about grades in 2021](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Pearson** update – [Response to joint DfE and Ofqual consultation outcome](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **City & Guilds** issues [Update on 2021 assessments](#) and updates [Assessment arrangements for 2021](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **AQA** update – [Summer 2021 consultation decisions published](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Eduqas** update – [Assessment arrangements announced \(GCSE, AS/A level, and Vocational Qualifications\)](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **NCFE** update – [Information on our approach for 2020-21](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) Oral statement to Parliament – [Education Secretary statement to MPs on education recovery and qualifications](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **DfE** guidance – [\(COVID-19\): school and college performance measures](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **DfE** guidance – [Awarding qualifications in summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Ofqual** launches open consultations – [Consultation on the general qualifications alternative awarding framework](#) – [Regulatory arrangements for the awarding of vocational and technical and other general qualifications in 2020-2021](#) – closing at 11:45pm on 11 March 2021
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Ofqual** authorised article – [How qualifications will be awarded in 2021](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Ofqual** guidance – [Awarding of functional skills in 2021](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Ofqual** confirms **Results dates**: AS and A level 10 August; GCSE 12 August
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Ofqual** infographics – [How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021](#) – [How vocational and technical qualifications will be awarded in 2021](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Ofqual** and **DfE** consultation outcomes – [Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021](#) – [Consultation on alternative arrangements for the award of VTQs and other general qualifications in 2021](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Pearson** Exams Officer Support update – *We understand that you will be eager for more information following the release of the Ofqual consultation outcome, so we are currently working to understand how this affects Pearson qualifications. We will communicate to you all what is required for the administration of our qualifications, as soon as we can through our social media channels, direct communications, qualifications bulletins and will update our website with all the latest information.*
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **DfE** update – *Today we're announcing how students will be assessed and awarded their vocational and technical qualifications this year...*

GRADES WILL BE ASSESSED BY TEACHERS OR TUTORS for vocational and technical qualifications (VTQ) and T Levels which are similar to GCSEs and A levels, and used for university or college places, as well as other general qualifications like the International Baccalaureate

EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL COURSES, which lead directly to employment, will take place in line with public health measures

EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SMALLER VTQS, such as Functional Skills qualifications, will continue in line with public health measures or remotely

ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS will be available for those who cannot access the assessments

Students will only be ASSESSED ON WHAT THEY WERE TAUGHT

There will be checks from schools, colleges and awarding organisations TO ENSURE FAIRNESS FOR PUPILS  
Results days for VTQs used to enter college or university will take place IN THE WEEK OF 9 AUGUST in line with A levels and GCSEs

Every student will HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL their teacher-assessed grade

- ↑ (25/02/2021) **DfE** update – *Today we’re announcing how students will be assessed and awarded their GCSE, AS and A levels this year...*

Students will receive GRADES DETERMINED BY TEACHERS

TEACHERS WILL BE GIVEN CLEAR GUIDANCE on using a range of evidence to assess pupils including coursework and optional questions from exam boards that teachers can use

Students will only be assessed on WHAT THEY WERE TAUGHT

There will be multiple checks from schools, colleges and exam boards TO ENSURE FAIRNESS FOR PUPILS

Every student will have the RIGHT TO APPEAL THEIR GRADE

GCSE and A level results days will take place IN THE WEEK OF 9 AUGUST

- ↑ (25/02/2021) **Ofqual** correspondence – [Simon Lebus responds to the Secretary of State’s direction of 23 February 2021](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **DfE** correspondence – [Direction issued to Ofqual](#)
- ↑ (25/02/2021) **DfE** press release – [Teacher assessed grades for students – Fairness and flexibility at the heart of plans to ensure young people can progress to next stage of education or career](#)
- ↑ (24/02/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update: 24 February 2021](#)
- ↑ (24/02/2021) **NCFE** update – [Remote invigilation is now live](#)
- ↑ (22/02/2021) **WJEC** update for Qualifications Wales approved GCSE, AS and A levels – [Summer 2021: Materials to support Centre-Determined Grades now available](#)
- ↑ (20/02/2021) **NCFE** update – [V Cert and CACHE external assessment bookings](#)
- ↑ (19/02/2021) **OCR** publishes [weekly roundup](#) including *Arrangements for summer 2021 and entry deadline dates*
- ↑ (19/02/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools on the 2021 exam series – 19 February 2021](#)
- ↑ (17/02/2021) **Pearson** launches [consultation](#) in relation to an additional focused exam series for Edexcel International GCSE
- ↑ (16/02/2021) **Pearson** reminder of latest information for [private candidates](#)
- ↑ (16/02/2021) **AQA** update (published 12 February) – [Applied Generals: how we’re calculating January 2021 series results](#)
- ↑ (16/02/2021) **OCR** issues a message to [private candidates](#)
- ↑ (15/02/2021) **AQA** news – [e-AQA to be replaced by Centre Services](#)
- ↑ (15/02/2021) **Pearson** launches major national consultation into the future of qualifications and assessment in the UK – [Take part here](#)
- ↑ (12/02/2021) **OCR** publishes [weekly roundup](#) including *Arrangements for summer 2021 and VTQ results dates* and [Exams Officer Update – February 2021](#)
- ↑ (12/02/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools on the 2021 exam series - 12 February 2021](#)
- ↑ (12/02/2021) **JCQ Bulletin - Exam Entries February 2021** issued confirming the news release [JCQ update on summer 2021 candidate entries](#)
- ↑ (12/02/2021) **Pearson** publishes [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#) (Issue 8)
- ↑ (11/02/2021) **IB** issues [Update for May 2021 Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme examination session](#)
- ↑ (11/02/2021) **NCFE** update – [Anytime, anywhere assessment](#) – Remote invigilation is launching week commencing 22 February
- ↑ (11/02/2021) **JCQ** issues news release – [JCQ update on summer 2021 candidate entries](#)



- ↑ (11/02/2021) **Qualifications Wales** publishes [Annual qualifications market report](#)
- ↑ (11/02/2021) **Pearson** Exams Officers Support update – **Entries for external assessments or task-based exams** – *We expect there to be sufficient time after receiving the consultation response and guidance from Pearson for centres to make BTEC external assessment entries before the deadline of the 25th of March. Therefore, we are advising centres to wait until the consultation response before making entries for learners.*
- ↑ (11/02/2021) **Ofqual** publishes a blog – [GCSE results for the autumn series](#) and has also published the following documents:
  - [Annual qualifications market report](#)
  - [Qualifications price index 2020](#)
  - [International qualifications market blog](#)
- ↑ (11/02/2021) **JCQ** publishes the overall results for the autumn series for GCSE subjects excluding English language and mathematics
- ↑ (10/02/2021) **NCFE** issues a reminder – [Registering and withdrawing learners](#)
- ↑ (10/02/2021) **AQA** issues [Exams update – February 2021](#)
- ↑ (10/02/2021) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update: 10 February 2021](#)
- ↑ (09/02/2021) **Qualifications Wales** issues the assessment [guidance](#) for awarding in 2021
- ↑ (09/02/2021) **OCR** update – *Results Day for all the remaining GCSE subjects from the Autumn 2020 series is on Thursday 11 February. Click for full details of what's available and when: [ht...](#)*
- ↑ (09/02/2021) **DfE** updates guidance [Responsibility for exams](#) – by adding information to 'Public health guidance to support exams from January 2021' about scheduled assessments in February and March
- ↑ (09/02/2021) **WJEC** update – *We have today published our latest Assessments 2021 Timeline, offering centres a timeframe on when to expect new guidance content: <http://bit.ly/WJECFeb2021>*
- ↑ (05/02/2021) **OCR** publishes [Weekly roundup](#) – *including our response to the consultation, free baseline assessment testing with CEM and more...* and updates latest news page – [OCR responses to the DfE and Ofqual consultations on summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (05/02/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools on the June 2021 exam series – 5 February 2021](#)
- ↑ (04/02/2021) **@PearsonExamsOfficersSupport** update – **February and March VQ Attendance Registers** – *Please be aware that attendance registers for VQ external assessments in February and March do not need to be returned. You also do not need to make Pearson aware that you will not be going ahead with the February or March assessments. Any attendance registers that have been delivered for these assessments can be securely destroyed. The only exception to this is the BTEC Children's Play, Learning and Development external assessment that is due to be sat in March 2021, centres will need to return their attendance registers as normal and follow the usual processes.*
- ↑ (04/02/2021) **OCR Customer Support** article updated – [What are the arrangements for Cambridge Nationals entries in summer 2021?](#)
- ↑ (04/02/2021) **IB** update – [The IB confirms dual route for May 2021 Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme examination session](#)
- ↑ (04/02/2021) **WJEC** publishes [Assessment update: Guidance on controlled assessment for vocational qualifications](#)
- ↑ (04/02/2021) **Pearson** publishes [Exams Officer Update: 4 February 2021](#)
- ↑ (03/2/2021) **Pearson** publishes [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#) (Issue 7) which includes guidance that is *confirmed*, as well as questions Pearson are still *awaiting clarification* on
- ↑ (03/02/2021) **Pearson** publishes – [Latest update on 2021 exams for international qualifications](#) – providing three important updates including: *We will use a robust approach based on teacher assessment for International GCSE and International AS/A Level assessment in May/June 2021 and exams will not go ahead as planned...*



- ↑ (02/02/2021) **AQA** publishes latest update – [Functional Skills entries for the March 2021 series](#)
- ↑ (02/02/2021) **Pearson** publishes Customer Services update – [Modified papers – Deadline, formats and more](#)
- ↑ (01/02/2021) **@ofqual** update *Thanks to everyone who took part in our recent joint consultations with @educationgovuk which attracted more than 103k responses combined. We're analysing the responses and plan to publish next steps week beginning 22 February.*
- ↑ (29/01/2021) **OCR** publishes [Weekly roundup](#) – Other general qualifications consultation summary and our five key principles for awarding grades
- ↑ (29/01/2021) **JCQ** publishes [Notice to centres – SENCO's and assessors, June 2021 examination series](#) confirming – *As the final assessment arrangements are yet to be determined, applications for access arrangements (where required) and orders for modified papers for these qualifications should continue to be processed using Access Arrangements Online (AAO)...*
- ↑ (29/01/2021) The **Ofqual** blog from Simon Lebus – [Consultation update and a proposal for externally-set papers](#)
- ↑ (27/01/2021) **Pearson** publishes [Exams Officer Update: 27 January 2021](#)
- ↑ (27/01/2021) **@NCFE1** update – [V Certs and schools](#) relating specifically to V Cert qualifications that have been affected by the latest Government announcements
- ↑ (27/01/2021) **@ocrexams** update [November 2020 results: Cambridge Nationals](#) – Exams Officers and teachers – helpful information on interpreting results slips and more
- ↑ (26/01/2021) **@NCFE1** update – [Plan for exams – January, February and March](#)
- ↑ (26/01/2021) **@ocrexams** update [November 2020 Cambridge Nationals results](#) information – [what's available and when](#)
- ↑ (26/01/2021) **Pearson** publishes [Vocational Qualification Bulletin](#) (Issue 6) consolidating the headlines over the last weeks of the current status of vocational qualifications and including several updates and guidance developed since the announcements over the last two weeks
- ↑ (26/01/2021) **JCQ e-newsletter – January** edition issued providing information on: Appeals and Post-Results Services for the GCSE November 2020 exam series; Next steps for the June 2021 exam series
- ↑ (25/01/2021) **Pearson Customer Support** direct update to centres – **Summer 2021: Entries and modified papers**– confirms while final arrangements for assessment of GCSE, AS and A levels in Summer 2021 are continuing to evolve, the usual deadlines for entries and modified papers still apply
- ↑ (25/01/2021) **OCR** Customer support blog (published 22/01/2021) – [How Cambridge Nationals November 2020 results will be awarded](#) explains how results will be awarded to make sure these are fair for students
- ↑ (25/01/2021) **WJEC** updates [FAQs: Assessments 2021 – Wales](#) page following last week's GCSE and AS/A level announcement
- ↑ (22/01/2021) **AQA** issues an update on the payment of [Entry fees for summer 2021](#)
- ↑ (22/01/2021) **OCR** publishes [Weekly round up](#) – information includes [Summer 2021 fees and entries update](#), NEA arrangements, and upcoming key dates reminders
- ↑ (22/01/2021) **OCR** publishes [Summer 2021 fees](#) for GCSEs, AS and A Levels and other general qualifications, as well as Cambridge Nationals and updates June 2021 [basedata](#) with fee information
- ↑ (22/01/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools on 2021 exams – 22 January 2021](#) shares more information about making entries and withdrawals, and an update on the UK government's decision on holding exams in England in June 2021. There is also a reminder about applications for Covid-19 exemptions

- ↑ (21/01/2021) **DfE** launches open consultation [Post-qualification admissions in higher education: proposed changes](#)
- ↑ (21/01/2021) **DfE** News story [Pioneering reforms to boost skills and jobs](#) – Skills for Jobs White Paper will revolutionise post-16 education, reshape the training landscape and help the nation build back better
- ↑ (21/01/2021) **Qualifications Wales** updates [Awarding in 2021](#) information and [FAQs](#), confirming the Minister's announcement on 20 January does not apply to vocational and technical qualifications, which are being considered separately
- ↑ (20/01/2021) **AQA** creates a one-stop [page](#) to keep you updated on the changes to assessment and exams in 2021
- ↑ (20/01/2021) **WJEC** latest update – [Education Minister, Kirsty Williams confirms approach for Summer 2021 assessments](#) for learners studying Qualifications Wales approved GCSE, AS and A levels
- ↑ (20/01/2021) **Pearson** publishes [Exams Officer Update: 20 January 2021](#) covering topics including: Making entries for Vocational and General Qualifications exams in light of the recent Ofqual VTQ consultation announcement; Summer 2021 Qualification Fees; BTEC January, February and March examination series; Deadlines
- ↑ (19/01/2021) **OCR** publishes [Exams Officer Update – January 2021](#) covering topics including: Online updates and training events; Latest news; NEA arrangements; Results; Certificates update; January 2021 series; Summer 2021
- ↑ (19/01/2021) **JCQ** news release – [Ofqual Consultations on Summer 2021 Awarding](#)
- ↑ (18/01/2020) **AQA** publishes [Entry fees for summer 2021](#) also confirming that entries should continue to be made as usual, as students will only receive grades if they've been entered into the summer series
- ↑ (18/01/2021) **Pearson** releases [General Qualifications 2021: UK entry fees](#) also confirming in the text above the PDF that it is important entries are made as usual by the deadline to ensure that students receive their qualification grades this Summer
- ↑ (18/01/2021) **JCQ** publishes [Notice to Centres – Important information for senior leader and teachers, June 2021 series](#) providing guidance on completing non examination assessments (NEA) this summer
- ↑ (18/01/2021) **WJEC** update [Ofqual launches consultation: Vocational and Technical Qualifications, and Eduqas GCSE, AS and A levels](#) confirms the consultation on GCSE, AS and A levels relates to **Eduqas** only
- ↑ (18/01/2021) **Ofqual** provides a useful summary **collection** of publications relating to the awarding of GCSE, AS and A level qualifications in the academic year 2020 to 2021 – [see GCSE, AS and A level qualifications in 2021](#)
- ↑ (18/01/2021) **Ofqual** provides a useful summary **collection** of publications relating to the awarding of vocational, technical and other general qualifications in the academic year 2020 to 2021 – [see Vocational, technical and other general qualifications in 2021](#)
- ↑ (18/01/2021) **AQA** news – [DfE and Ofqual summer 2021 consultation](#) – published 15 January, includes confirmation that summer 2021 entries should continue to be made on the AQA system as usual so students can receive grades from AQA
- ↑ (18/01/2021) **OCR Weekly round up** – published 15 January, confirms OCR are regularly updating their [FAQs](#), including those on June 2021 [entries and fees](#)
- ↑ (18/01/2021) **Pearson Vocational Qualification Bulletin** – published 15 January, usefully consolidates the numerous announcements made over the past two weeks
- ↑ (15/01/2021) **@educationgov.uk** provides **videos** detailing the proposals for the consultations on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)
- ↑ (15/01/2021) **@ocrexams** update - *Read our **latest round up** for info on the DfE and Ofqual consultations for summer 2021, and blogs to support remote learning. Read it here: <http://ow.ly/EdqH50D9VuC>*

- ↑ (15/01/2021) **DfE** and **Ofqual** Press release [Consultation launched on 2021 exam replacement](#) - Teachers to determine grades using a range of evidence that reflects students' hard work and ability
- ↑ (15/01/2021) The **Ofqual** blog [How 2021 could look for students and learners – we want your views](#)
- ↑ (15/01/2021) **Ofqual** and **DfE** joint Open consultation [Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021](#) - The approach to awarding GCSE, AS and A level grades in 2021 following the cancellation of exams. This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 29 January 2021
- ↑ (15/01/2021) **Ofqual** and **DfE** joint Open consultation [Consultation on alternative arrangements for the award of VTQs and other general qualifications in 2021](#) - The approach to awarding vocational and technical grades in 2021 following the cancellation of exams. This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 29 January 2021
- ↑ (15/01/2021) **@NCFE1** update - *Take a look at NCFE's [Covid hub](#) for more information on*
  - *which exams will be cancelled in February and March*
  - *exams which will take place in an assessment window*
  - *a reminder on January set-date, set-time exams*
  - *continuation of online on-demand assessments*
- ↑ (15/01/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools on Covid-19 exemptions for the 2021 exam series](#)
- ↑ (14/01/2021) **City & Guilds** latest [Supporting customers – Covid-19 update](#)
- ↑ (14/01/2021) **JCQ** publishes [GCSE Autumn 2020 English Language, Mathematics, Mathematics Numeracy and Welsh First Language Results](#)
- ↑ (14/01/2021) **Ofqual** blog [GCSE English and maths results in the November series](#)
- ↑ (14/01/2021) [Update for Cambridge schools in the UK 12 January 2021](#)
- ↑ (13/01/2021) **NCFE** update – *The DfE has today confirmed that VTQ exams due to take place in February and March will not go ahead as planned, with the exception of online Functional Skills. NCFE customers can check which assessments will not be going ahead on our [website](#)*
- ↑ (13/01/2021) **Pearson** [Update on VTQ assessments](#)
- ↑ (13/01/2021) **Pearson** update on **February and March BTEC External Assessments** - *The DfE has announced today that no scheduled external assessments for vocational qualifications will take place in February and March. For students taking Pearson qualifications, this means that external assessments for BTEC Level 2 Tech Awards, Firsts, Technicals and Level 3 Nationals will not go ahead in February or March.*  
  
*Entries for these assessments should NOT BE WITHDRAWN. Further guidance on this will be published as soon as we have it. We want to reassure you that arrangements will be put in place for learners who are now unable to take external assessments to ensure they are not disadvantaged. For learners taking assessments in JANUARY, the current guidance still stands – Also see [Learner update on VTQ assessments](#) and [BTEC FAQs](#)*
- ↑ (13/01/2021) **OCR** update – *Exams Officers and teachers – helpful information on interpreting results slips and more <http://ow.ly/5PnO50D5i0K>*
- ↑ (13/01/2021) **Ofqual** Correspondence [Simon Lebus responds to the Secretary of State's letter of 13 January 2021](#) Simon Lebus, Chief Regulator responds to Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP, Secretary of State for Education regarding assessment options for qualifications in 2021
- ↑ (13/01/2021) **DfE** Correspondence [Letter from Gavin Williamson to Simon Lebus](#) The Secretary of State for Education writes to Ofqual's Chief Regulator outlining the process to agree alternative arrangements for exams in 2021
- ↑ (12/01/2021) **DfE** Guidance [Responsibility for exams](#) - Updated the public health guidance to support exams from January 2021 to reflect that schools and colleges can continue with vocational and technical exams, where they judge it right to do so. This includes updates to the sections on the set up of the exam room, face coverings, maintaining distance between staff and candidates and where a candidate has a negative test.

- ↑ (12/01/2021) **Pearson** Exams Officer Update: 8 January 2021 confirms November 2020 GCSE results information – GCSE English and Maths results will be issued to centres on Wednesday 13 January, and can be distributed to candidates from Thursday 14 January. Post-results services – [Reviews of Marking](#) and free [Access to Scripts](#) will be available from Thursday 14 January.
- ↑ (12/01/2021) **AQA Exams Update – January 2021** confirms for **January 2021 exams** - If you've decided not to run the series, please withdraw your students' using your normal process: either through EDI or e-AQA. We'll honour refunds (in the form of a credit) for all entries withdrawn due to Covid-19.
- ↑ (12/01/2021) **AQA Exams Update – January 2021** includes **Autumn 2020 results information** - Results can be issued to students from 8.00am on Thursday 14 January 2021 for GCSE English Language and Mathematics, Functional Skills, AQA Certificate and Level 3 Extended Project – see [Results day: what's available and when](#)
- ↑ (12/01/2021) **OCR** update Results Day for GCSE English Language and GCSE Mathematics from the Autumn 2020 series is on Thursday 14 January. Click for full details of what's available and when: <http://ow.ly/TnNq50D5g5a>
- ↑ (08/01/2021) **JCQ** statement on Summer 2021 assessments
- ↑ (08/01/2021) **DfE** updates guidance [Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings](#) – Updated 'Critical workers' section to clarify that parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can
- ↑ (08/01/2021) **NCFE** - Lockdown announcement – NCFE's latest response, advice and guidance on assessments
- ↑ (08/01/2021) **@ocrexams** - Our first **weekly roundup** of 2021 is now available and includes all the recent announcements - read it here <http://ow.ly/jsTR50D3pzO>
- ↑ (08/01/2021) **OCR** publish FAQs here - [Supporting you during 2020/21](#) - see as example, [January 2021: Withdrawing Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals entries](#)
- ↑ (08/01/2021) @PearsonExamsOfficersSupport – **BTEC Clarification for February** - Following recent queries, we would like to confirm that the recent government guidance that "for scheduled January BTEC exams – schools/colleges can choose to offer exams if they judge it right to do so" does not include the February assessments at this moment in time. As it stands February exams will be going ahead but this is subject to further guidance, which will be provided as soon as possible.
- ↑ (08/01/2021) Update for **Cambridge** schools on the 2021 exam series
- ↑ (08/01/2021) **WJEC** Update for assessments in 2021 for Wales
- ↑ (08/01/2021) **Qualifications Wales** cancels the spring internal assessment window - due between 22 February and 23 April - for GCSE, AS and A levels
- ↑ (07/01/2021) **AQA** News [Vocational and Technical exams in January 2021](#)
- ↑ (07/01/2021) @PearsonExamsOfficersSupport **UPDATED** information - [BTEC: Creating And Returning Attendance Registers During Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - Explains how to return BTEC attendance registers during lockdown and creating a register from Edexcel Online
- ↑ (07/01/2021) **Pearson** update – [BTEC: Creating And Returning Attendance Registers During Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – Explains how to return BTEC attendance registers during lockdown and creating a register from Edexcel Online
- ↑ (06/01/2021) **DfE** Press release [Education Secretary outlines plans to support young people](#)
- ↑ (06/01/2021) **@ofqual** – We are working with the Department and will begin to consult widely next week on possible arrangements for GCSEs, A levels and vocational and technical qualifications. We are mindful of the Secretary of State's preference for teacher assessment to play its part. We are not starting from scratch: we have been considering different scenarios for some time and we have, of course, learned lessons from last summer. We will work towards the best approach for students so that they can progress on to the next stage in their lives. It's important that students continue to engage with education so they are best placed to progress. We are aware of teacher workload and how teacher assessment of students will have an impact



on that. And of course we are mindful of the needs of private or independent candidates and the diversity of the qualifications landscape.

- ↑ (06/01/2021) @educationgovuk Summary of the next steps on the alternative arrangements for GCSE, AS and A level exams...
  - Students will not sit GCSE, AS and A level exams this summer
  - A consultation will be launched next week and conclude swiftly to give certainty to schools, colleges and students
  - We expect Ofqual, the exams regulator, to consider a teacher-assessed system as a replacement
  - Teachers will be given training and support to ensure these marks are awarded fairly and consistently
- ↑ (06/01/2021) Oral statement to Parliament [Education Secretary statement to Parliament on national lockdown](#)
- ↑ (06/01/2021) **News** update [Teachers' grades will replace exams in England](#)
- ↑ (06/01/2021) **OCR** update [Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals January exams](#) and confirmed on latest news page – [Update on January exams going ahead – Our Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals exams will go ahead as scheduled this month](#)
- ↑ (06/01/2021) @PearsonExamsOfficersSupport **Update for January 2021 assessments – Amendment/Withdrawal Guidance for Jan 2021 Assessments** includes: *We are strongly advising that you do not make any amendments/withdrawals to learners entries, regardless of if they are now sitting exams this season or not...*
- ↑ (06/01/2021) **Pearson** Further update on International GCSE arrangements for January 2021 and May/June 2021 series covers Exam Guidance, Learners who are unable to attend exams, Special Consideration
- ↑ (06/01/2021) **Ofqual** News story [A message from Simon Lebus, Chief Regulator, on exams in 2021](#) – responding to the Prime Minister's announcement of 4 January
- ↑ (05/01/2021) **Eduqas** Important update regarding January assessments for our vocational and other general (non GCSE/ GCE A Level) qualifications
- ↑ (05/01/2021) **OCR** update – *We understand that you need details about the Cambridge Nationals and Technicals exams scheduled to take place in January. We will update you as soon as we have more information from DFE and Ofqual. Until then, our support team will not have any additional information to share. Thank you for your patience.*
- ↑ (05/01/2021) **Pearson** Update on scheduled January 2021 BTEC Exams - [BTEC Exams – January 2021 update – Update on International GCSE exams in January 2021 and Summer 2021 – Update on International GCSE exams and International AS/A Levels in January 2021 and May/June 2021](#)
- ↑ (05/01/2021) @educationgovuk – *An update on this month's vocational and technical exams, in light of the evolving public health measures:*
  - ▶ Schools and colleges can continue with the vocational and technical exams that are due to take place in January, where they judge it right to do so
  - ▶ We understand this is a difficult time, but we want to support schools and colleges whose students have worked hard to prepare for assessments and exams...
- ↑ (05/01/2021) Statement from Cambridge International following the UK government announcement on June 2021 exams
- ↑ (05/01/2021) @ofqual – *We know how difficult this must be for students, teachers and lecturers. We wish at all costs to avoid arrangements for this summer's GCSEs, A levels and vocational and technical qualifications inflicting further disadvantage on students. We are considering a number of options to ensure the fairest possible outcome in the circumstances and we will update you as soon as we can.*
- ↑ (05/01/2021) **DFE** updates guidance [Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings](#) – Tiered guidance information has been removed. The list of vulnerable children and children of critical workers (key workers) remains the same

- ↑ (05/01/2021) **Eduqas latest update** includes – *Following the UK Government’s announcement on the 4th January, we would like to reassure our teachers and learners that we are working with the DfE and Ofqual to provide more information and clarity on the implications for the awarding of 2021 qualifications as soon as possible*
- ↑ (05/01/2021) **AQA Coronavirus and exams** update includes – *If you have any entries with us for January exams, the Department for Education has said that these should still go ahead. However, we’re seeking some clarity on this as we know that schools and colleges are closing. We’ll publish further information as soon as we can.*
- ↑ (05/01/2021) **Cabinet Office** publishes Promotional material [England Lockdown: Stay At Home posters](#) – A series of posters displaying information about the National Lockdown in England (poster includes a section on EDUCATION)
- ↑ (04/01/2021) **Pearson Statement regarding Pearson general qualifications following today’s announcement on UK national restrictions (4 January 2020)** includes – *Some of you may have queries about the January examination series for International GCSE and International A Level, which are due to start later this week. International GCSEs and International A Levels are used by students around the world and, as such, these exams are still intended to be available as planned. We are conscious that some schools will have students who are due to sit International GCSEs in January, but are now required to close due to national restrictions. We will be in touch very shortly with confirmation on arrangements here.*
- ↑ (04/01/2021) **Cabinet Office** guidance published – [National lockdown: Stay at Home – Going to school, college and university](#) stating *Public exams and vocational assessments scheduled to take place in January will go ahead as planned*
- ↑ (04/01/2021) [@ocrexams](#) (for Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals) and [@PearsonEdexcel](#) (for BTECs) announce they are urgently consulting/working with the DfE and Ofqual about exams scheduled to start this week/planned over the next few weeks and will provide updates as soon as they can
- ↑ (04/01/2021) Following the Prime Minister’s broadcast this evening, links to official updates/statements/guidance on exams from **DfE** and/or **Ofqual** will be provided here as these are made available
- ↑ (01/01/2021) **DfE** guidance [Contingency framework: education and childcare settings \(excluding universities\)](#) updated the list of areas which this guidance applies to
- ↑ (30/12/2020) **DfE** press release [School contingency plans to be implemented as cases rise](#) – Restrictions on schools and colleges will be introduced in areas with very high rates of coronavirus incidence or transmission – and [education contingency framework](#) triggered (note [Exams and assessments](#) section)
- ↑ (30/12/2020) Oral statement to Parliament [Education Secretary sets out school contingency plans for England](#)
- ↑ (29/12/2020) Cross-government News story [Military to support the testing of thousands of secondary school and college students in England](#)
- ↑ (22/12/2020) **Ofqual** press release [New interim Chief Regulator of Ofqual](#) Simon Lebus appointed interim Chief Regulator of Ofqual, replacing Dame Glenys Stacey
- ↑ (18/12/2020) **DfE** updates [Responsibility for exams](#) Updated public health guidance and school and college responsibility guidance for exams from **January 2021** onwards
- ↑ (18/12/2020) **DfE** updates [Responsibility for exams](#) Updated public health guidance and school and college responsibility guidance for exams from January 2021 onwards
- ↑ (18/12/2020) **Ofqual** publishes a blog on [Further evaluation of 2020 awarding](#) and three publications on summer 2020 evaluation:
  - [Summer 2020 results analysis – GCSE, AS and A level](#)
  - [Standardisation of grades in general qualifications in summer 2020: outliers](#)
  - [Inter-subject comparability in GCSEs and A levels in 2020](#)
- ↑ (17/12/2020) **DfE** issues press release [Staggered rollout of coronavirus testing for secondary schools and colleges](#) – within the details, it is confirmed that students in exam year groups will



all attend school or college in person from the start of term and vocational exams scheduled for the week of 4 January will go ahead as planned

- ↑ (17/12/2020) **DfE** issues press release [Students receive autumn exam AS and A level results](#)
- ↑ (17/12/2020) **Ofqual** correspondence [Letter from Dame Glenys Stacey to AoC, Sixth Form Colleges' Association, HOLEX, AELP, The Exams Office and ASCL](#) about vocational and technical qualifications
- ↑ (17/12/2020) **Ofqual** publishes official statistics on [Appeals for GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2020](#), [Access arrangements for GCSE, AS and A Level: 2019 to 2020 academic year](#) and [Malpractice in GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2020 exam series](#)
- ↑ (17/12/2020) **JCQ** issues [Autumn 2020 GCE A level and AS results tables](#)
- ↑ (17/12/2020) **The Ofqual blog** [AS and A level results in the autumn series](#)
- ↑ (16/12/2020) **Ofqual** updates [GCSEs, AS and A levels: a guide for students in England](#) – Advice and guidance for students on different parts of the process of GCSE, AS and A level assessment
- ↑ (15/12/2020) **Ofqual** issues Press release [New interim chair of Ofqual](#)
- ↑ (14/12/2020) **Ofqual** releases News story [Review on barriers to online and on-screen assessment published](#) and publishes Research and analysis [Online and on-screen assessment in high stakes, sessional qualifications](#)
- ↑ (14/12/2020) **Ofqual** manual updated [Regulating GCSEs, AS and A levels: guide for schools and colleges](#)
- ↑ (10/12/2020) **Ofqual** launches Open consultation [Support materials and advance information in 2021 GCSE, AS and A level exams](#) – a consultation on principles for exam topic advance information and support materials. This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 20 December 2020  
Also see associated News story [Consultation seeks views about exam advance information](#)
- ↑ (10/12/2020) **Ofqual** publishes Research and analysis [Reviews of marking and moderation: November 2019 GCSEs and Projects](#)
- ↑ (07/12/2020) **Ofqual** publishes [Code used to calculate qualification grades in summer 2020](#)
- ↑ (03/12/2020) **JCQ** publishes [Release of results, June 2021 series](#) notice
- ↑ (03/12/2020) **DfE** publishes [Guidance to support the summer 2021 exams](#) - What schools, colleges and students need to know about taking GCSEs, AS and A levels and other qualifications in summer 2021
- ↑ (03/12/2020) **Ofqual** News story [Giving students advance notice of exam topics for summer 2021 should be handled with care](#)
- ↑ (03/12/2020) **Ofqual** Correspondence [Letter from Glenys Stacey to Gavin Williamson, 2 December 2020](#) Ofqual's Chief Regulator responds to The Secretary of State for Education about the package of measures for GCSE, AS and A level qualifications in 2021
- ↑ (03/12/2020) **DfE** Correspondence [Letter from Gavin Williamson to Glenys Stacey](#) detailing the package of measures for GCSE, AS and A level qualifications in 2021
- ↑ (03/12/2020) **JCQ** [statement on 2021 Exams](#)
- ↑ (03/12/2020) **DfE** Press release [Extra measures to support students ahead of next summer's exams](#) Students sitting exams and other assessments next year will benefit from a package of exceptional measures to improve fairness and prevent disruption
- ↑ (02/12/2020) **DfE** publishes National Statistics [Key stage 4 performance 2020](#)
- ↑ (01/12/2020) **DfE** updates [Responsibility for autumn GCSE, AS and A level exam series](#) adding information about the support available for functional skills qualifications (FSQs)
- ↑ (29/11/2020) **DfE** publishes Education in the media blog – ["Exams are the best and fairest way for young people to show what they know and can do"](#)– The Education Secretary on the importance of exams
- ↑ (26/11/2020) **Ofqual** publishes a [news story](#) and two reports evaluating summer 2020 qualification results by student group. Ofqual research suggests that students were not

systemically disadvantaged in 2020 on the basis of their protected characteristics or socioeconomic status. Ofqual compared this year's students with those taking qualifications in summer 2018 and 2019.

- For GCSE and A level, Ofqual [research](#) compares 2020 A level and GCSE outcomes – centre-assessment grades (CAGs), calculated grades and final grades – with results from 2018 and 2019
- Ofqual has also [published an analysis](#) of grades awarded for a number of vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs) in spring and summer 2020

Ofqual has also published **[GCSE English language and mathematics entries](#)** for November 2020 exam series

- ↑ (24/11/2020) [WJEC](#) update – [Qualifications Wales has announced](#) the cancellation of January exams for GCSE ICT, GCSE English literature and GCSE Welsh Literature. January exams for the last resit opportunity for legacy GCSE qualifications will proceed as scheduled; there will also be January exams for all Entry Level Certificate, Level 1/2 Awards and Certificates, and Level 2 and 3 Health, Social Care and Childcare qualifications in Wales.

[WJEC](#) welcome [Qualifications Wales announcement](#) that Non-Examination Assessment (NEA) will go ahead as planned in 2021.

- ↑ (19/11/2020) **Ofqual** publishes Official Statistics [Entries and late entries for GCSE, AS and A level: 2019 to 2020 academic year](#) and [Vocational and other qualifications quarterly: July to September 2020](#)
- ↑ (18/11/2020) **JCQ** publishes [Post-Results Services, GCE and GCSE November 2020 series](#) and [JCQ Appeals booklet – effective from November 2020](#)
- ↑ (17/11/2020) **JCQ** publishes news release [June 2021 GCSE, GCE, AS and A-level timetables](#) – an update following the consultation on the June 2021 JCQ provisional common timetable
- ↑ (17/11/2020) **Ofqual** publishes [Letter from Glenys Stacey to Gavin Williamson, 13 November 2020](#). The Chief Regulator writes to the Secretary of State about the flexibility of approaches for assessing vocational & technical qualifications
- ↑ (16/11/2020) **JCQ** publishes [Key Dates – June 2021 examination series](#) These are the key dates for the main examination series of GCSE, GCE and Project qualifications which are common to all the JCQ awarding bodies
- ↑ (12/11/2020) News story [Interactive GCSE and A level data visualisations updated](#) Data on A level and GCSE comparative outcomes, centre variability and results across England can now be viewed in series of interactive visualisations
- ↑ (10/11/2020) Further to the **Welsh Government announcement** confirming Wales' approach for qualifications in 2021, **Eduqas confirms** the decision does not impact Eduqas GCSE, AS and A level qualifications, as these are regulated by Ofqual
- ↑ (10/11/2020) **DfE** blog [Exams 2021: your questions answered](#) *edited on 10 November to reflect the decision to cancel exams in Wales next year*
- ↑ (05/11/2020) Ofqual's Chief Regulator responds to the Secretary of State's letter of 12 October 2020
- ↑ (05/11/2020) **Ofqual** publishes consultation outcome: [Conditions and requirements for the assessment of MFL GCSEs in 2021](#) and [news story](#)
- ↑ (29/10/2020) **Ofqual** publishes Official Statistics [Entries for GCSE: autumn 2020 exam series](#)
- ↑ (16/10/2020) **Ofqual** updates [Extraordinary regulatory framework: General Qualifications, COVID-19 Conditions and Requirements](#) by adding a notice on 16 October 2020 to ensure, non-exam assessment for the summer 2021 series can take place in all relevant GCSE, AS and A level subjects (this would otherwise be prohibited by Condition GQCov2), and awarding organisations can, but do not have to, offer assessment opportunities for Advanced Extension Awards and Extended Project Qualifications as part of the autumn 2020 series.
- ↑ (15/10/2020) **JCQ**, on behalf of the awarding bodies (AQA, CCEA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC), is consulting with stakeholders on the [GCE AS, A level and GCSE Summer 2021 provisional Common Timetable](#). Comments should be sent to [centresupport@jcq.org.uk](mailto:centresupport@jcq.org.uk) by 30 October

- ↑ (15/10/2020) **JCQ** publishes [June 2021 Amended Provisional Timetable](#)
- ↑ (12/10/2020) **Ofqual** launches open consultation [Conditions and requirements for the assessment of MFL GCSEs in 2021](#) and publishes news story [MFL 2021 - technical consultation on implementing confirmed changes](#)
- ↑ (12/10/2020) **JCQ** news release [Ensuring the successful delivery of qualifications in 2020-21](#)
- ↑ (12/10/2020) **Summer 2021 announcements** – highlights include:
  - The exam series will start on **7 June** and end on **2 July** for almost all AS/A levels and GCSEs
  - One maths and one English GCSE exam will be held just before the May half-term (giving any Year 11 pupils who are affected by Covid-19 the best possible chance of still sitting a paper in each of these core subjects)
  - Results days are confirmed as **Tuesday 24 August** for A/AS levels and **Friday 27 August** for GCSEs
  - **JCQ** will shortly be consulting with stakeholders on their proposed timetable
- ↑ (12/10/2020) **Ofqual** publishes:
  - Consultation outcome [Consultation on the arrangements for the assessment and awarding of vocational, technical and other general qualifications in 2020 to 2021](#)
  - Regulation [Extraordinary regulatory framework: VTQ, Covid-19 Conditions and Requirements](#) –This document sets out our regulatory requirements for awarding organisations offering vocational and technical qualifications during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
  - Guidance [Arrangements for the assessment and awarding of Vocational and Technical Qualifications and Other General Qualifications in 2020/2021](#) Advice for teachers, trainers and tutors; learners, parents and carers; employers and professional bodies on vocational and technical qualifications, and other general qualifications
  - News story [Vocational and technical qualification assessments in 2021](#) – regulatory arrangements on adapting vocational and technical qualifications and assessments in 2021
- ↑ (12/10/2020) **DfE** announces [Students to be given more time to prepare for 2021 exams](#) and [Ofqual welcomes DfE announcement on 2021 exams](#)
- ↑ (01/10/2020) **Ofqual** publishes official statistics on the number of [Entries for AS and A level: autumn 2020 exam series](#) in England
- ↑ (01/10/2020) **Ofqual** updates [Exam system contingency plan: England, Wales and Northern Ireland](#) to include links to coronavirus (COVID-19) related contingency, health and support pages published by the Department for Education, Welsh Government and government in Northern Ireland. We have not however, updated this document in other ways as the overall ethos still applies. You will need to make sure you are aware of your specific responsibilities for local and national school preparations and contingencies and advice from relevant public health bodies.
- ↑ (29/09/2020) **DfE** updates guidance [Responsibility for autumn exams](#) with information on public health arrangements for autumn exams to include information on autumn exam contingencies, candidate health and reasonable adjustments
- ↑ (29/09/2020) A new post, [Exams and assessments in 2021](#) has been published on the **Education in the Media Blog**
- ↑ (22/09/2020) **Ofqual** releases [Joint statement from AoC, AELP, HOLEX, FAB, JCQ and Ofqual on VTQs](#) Ofqual has jointly released a statement with several organisations involved in assessments, committing to work together and streamline communications
- ↑ (21/09/2020) **Ofqual** updates guidance [Terms of reference for exam procedure reviews – summer 2020 qualifications](#)

- ↑ (updated 18/09/2020) **DfE** updates [Public health arrangements for autumn exams](#) This guidance sets out public health arrangements that schools, colleges and other exam centres should implement when delivering exams in autumn 2020 to enable them to progress in a coronavirus (COVID-19) secure way
- ↑ (10/09/2020) **JCQ** releases [GCE A level, AS and GCSE summer 2020 results tables](#)
- ↑ (07/09/2020) **DfE** publishes guidance on the [DfE exam support service: autumn exam fees, sites and invigilators](#)
- ↑ (07/09/2020) **Ofqual** launches [Consultation on the arrangements for the assessment and awarding of vocational, technical and other general qualifications in 2020 to 2021](#) on the proposals for extending the extraordinary regulatory framework
- ↑ (07/09/2020) **Ofqual** confirms decisions following consultation on arrangements for vocational and technical qualification assessments in 2021 - [Vocational and technical qualification assessments in 2021](#)
- ↑ (07/09/2020) Check **JCQ** publications updated for 2020/21 [here](#)
- ↑ (03/09/2020) **JCQ** publishes [Supplementary appeals documentation](#) - Centre error appeals – additional guidance for heads of centre, senior leaders and teaching staff
- ↑ (02/09/2020) **Ofqual** issues [Written statement from Chair of Ofqual to the Education Select Committee](#) on this year's GCSE, AS, A level, extended project and advanced extension award qualification results
- ↑ (28/08/2020) **DfE** publishes new contingency planning guidance for education settings in local lockdown areas – [All possible measures to be taken before schools and colleges close and updates Guidance for full opening: schools](#)
- ↑ (28/08/2020) **Ofqual** updates [VTQ awarding organisation appeals and complaints links](#) to reflect latest awarding organisation links
- ↑ (27/08/2020) **DfE** updates guidance [Taking exams during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) with information on the awarding of grades and autumn exams in 2020 and exams in summer 2021
- ↑ (27/08/2020) **DfE** updates guidance [Responsibility for autumn exams](#) – updated key points and background sections. This guidance includes the following:

We expect schools and colleges to pay fees for all students who were due to sit exams in the summer, rather than passing the cost on to students or their families.

'Schools and colleges' in this guidance refers to:

- state-funded schools
- further education, sixth form and tertiary colleges
- independent training providers
- independent schools
- private exam centres

'Autumn exams' refers to the additional GCSE, AS and A level and Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQs) which are being held following the cancellation of exams and assessments in the summer. It includes the additional VTQs which will be held in the 2021 spring term.

- ↑ (26/08/2020) **Ofqual** issues [Summary guidance on appeals for GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2020](#) providing a summary of the information on appeals, malpractice and maladministration complaints that Ofqual has previously published
- ↑ (25/08/2020) **Ofqual** announces [interim leadership arrangements](#)

- ↑ (21/08/2020) **DfE** publishes guidance [Summer GCSE, AS and A level results 2020: information for students](#) providing frequently asked questions for students receiving GCSE, AS and A level awards, and other qualifications in summer 2020
- ↑ (21/08/2020) **The Exams Office** further updates [Summer 2020 Results and Appeals process template](#)
- ↑ (20/08/2020) **JCQ** news release [JCQ 2020 results data tables statement](#)
- ↑ (20/08/2020) **Ofqual** reorders guidance into a collection – [Vocational and technical qualifications awarding, 2020](#) containing publications relating to the awarding of vocational and technical qualifications in the academic year 2019 to 2020
- ↑ (20/08/2020) **The Exams Office** again updates [Summer 2020 Results and Appeals process template](#)
- ↑ (20/08/2020) **Ofqual** publication [Awarding qualifications in summer 2020](#) **WAS WITHDRAWN ON 20 AUGUST 2020**. The guidance published on this page, relating to the awarding and appeals processes for GCSE, AS and A level in summer 2020, was published before the decision made on 17 August 2020 to award centre assessment grades and may not apply to this summer's qualification results. For information on the appeals process, please refer to: [gov.uk/your-results-what-next](http://gov.uk/your-results-what-next)
- ↑ (20/08/2020) **Ofqual** publishes:
  - [Guide to results](#)
  - [Requirements for the calculation of results in summer 2020](#)
  - [Results tables for GCSE, AS and A level results in England 2020](#)
  - [National Reference Test statement, digest and infographic](#)
  - [Updated National Reference Test document collection](#)
  - [Changes to awarding of GCSE, AS and A level: guide for teachers, students, parents and carers](#) Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers following a decision to issue results using centre assessment grades or calculated results where higher
- ↑ (19/08/2020) **The Exams Office** updates [Summer 2020 Results and Appeals process template](#)
- ↑ (19/08/2020) **Pearson** issues [Update on BTEC grading](#) asking schools and colleges not to issue any BTEC L1 and L2 results on 20th August as these will be reviewed and where appropriate, regraded
- ↑ (19/08/2020) **Ofqual** updates [Student guide to post-16 qualification results: summer 2020](#) and updates [Student guide to appeals, malpractice & maladministration complaints: summer 2020](#) to reflect changes, announced on 17 August, to the way grades have been awarded
- ↑ (19/08/2020) **Ofqual** issues [Statement on grading vocational and technical qualifications this summer](#) an update on issuing results for VTQs tomorrow
- ↑ (19/08/2020) **JCQ** confirms [Exam centres to receive revised AS and A level grades throughout today](#) – centres in England and Wales throughout today and tomorrow in Northern Ireland
- ↑ (17/08/2020 updated 18/08/2020) **DfE** announces [GCSE and A level students to receive centre assessment grades](#)
- ↑ (18/08/2020) **JCQ** news release [Exam centres to receive 2020 GCSE results as planned](#)
- ↑ (18/08/2020) **Ofqual** issues [statement on grading of VTQs, 18 August 2020](#) confirming the statistical standardisation approach used in A levels and GCSEs was not used in most vocational and technical qualifications, including BTECs
- ↑ (18/08/2020) **The Exams Office** urges all exams officers to look out for very important information relating to the release of GCSE results which will be published later this



afternoon. We will add this information to our social media platforms and website, but please also keep abreast of Ofqual and JCQ updates.

- ↑ (17/08/2020) **DfE** announces [GCSE and A level students to receive centre assessment grades](#)
- ↑ (17/08/2020) **Ofqual** issues Grading of vocational and technical qualifications confirming for the small number of qualifications that have used a statistical standardisation approach similar to the Ofqual model for A levels and GCSEs, Ofqual have asked awarding organisations to review their approach. This is likely to mean a small proportion of VTQ results will be reissued.
- ↑ (17/08/2020) **Ofqual** issues [Statement from Roger Taylor, Chair, Ofqual](#) confirming that students will be awarded their centre assessment grades for this summer – that is, the grade their school or college estimated was the grade they would most likely have achieved in their exam – or the moderated grade, whichever is higher.
- ↑ (16/08/2020) **The Exams Office** publishes for members – [Autumn 2020 deadlines for entries, fees and charges template](#)
- ↑ (15/08/2020) **Ofqual** [Statement on our earlier announcement, 15 August 2020](#)
- ↑ (15/08/2020) [Exam appeals: The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP writes to all headteachers and college principals](#) Minister of State for School Standards Nick Gibb writes to all headteachers and college principals about A and AS level and GCSE results
- ↑ (15/08/2020) **Ofqual** issues [Appeals based on mock exams](#) setting out the criteria for what will determine a 'valid' mock for appeals of GCSE, AS and A levels in England, summer 2020 **This policy is being reviewed and has been removed from this link**
- ↑ (15/08/2020) **The Exams Office** updates [Summer 2020 Results and Appeals process template](#)
- ↑ (15/08/2020) **DfE** issues press release [Reassurance for schools and students on result appeals](#) confirming that state funded schools and colleges will also be able to claim back unsuccessful appeal costs at the same time as claiming back fees for autumn exams
- ↑ (14/08/2020) [JCQ 2020/21 publications](#) added to the JCQ website
- ↑ (14/08/2020) **Ofqual** updates [Student guide to post-16 qualification results: summer 2020](#) (updated page 12 on appeals to clarify that grades will not go down as the result of an appeal) [Student guide to appeals and malpractice or maladministration complaints: summer 2020](#) (updated to reflect that grades will not go down as the result of an appeal)
- ↑ (13/08/2020) **JCQ** issues [A level results press releases 2020](#)
- ↑ (13/08/2020) **Ofqual** publishes [Guide to AS and A level results for England, 2020](#) summarising a series of documents that have been published/updated today. A summary of the latest Ofqual documents is also available [here](#)
- ↑ (12/08/2020) **DfE** updates guidance [Responsibility for autumn exams](#) setting out the support that DfE is providing for autumn exams through the DfE Exam Support Service. The **DfE Exam Support Service** will provide support for schools and colleges to run autumn exams. The DfE Exam Support Service covers: fees charged by awarding organisations, sites and invigilation. The service will launch at the beginning of the autumn term, alongside guidance on how to use it.
- ↑ (12/08/2020) **JCQ** publishes [Key dates in the examination cycle, 2020/2021 \(June 2020 and November 2020 examination series\)](#) and [Supplementary Appeals Information – June 2020 series](#) (regarding candidate consent and grade protection)
- ↑ (12/08/2020) **Ofqual** issues [Response to the Secretary of State's announcement of 12 August 2020](#) and are working urgently to operationalise that evidence from valid mock exams can be



considered as part of an appeal and to determine what standards of evidence will be required for the appeal. More detail will be provided early next week.

- ↑ (12/08/2020) **DfE** issues press release [Triple lock for students ahead of A level and GCSE results](#) which includes the announcement of a **support package** to help with the costs associated with running exams in the autumn series including booking venues, sourcing invigilators, and meeting the cost of autumn exam fees if they exceed summer fee rebates... *funding will be demand-led and driven by the number of students who choose to sit exams*
- ↑ (11/08/2020) **The Exams Office** updates the AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC/EDUQAS sections on this page to link to summer 2020 results, appeals and autumn 2020 series information
- ↑ (11/08/2020) **Ofqual** publishes [Arrangements for the assessment and awarding of Vocational and Technical Qualifications and Other General Qualifications in 2020 to 2021](#)
- ↑ (10/08/2020) **Ofqual** News story [Response to media coverage about results in Scotland](#)
- ↑ (10/08/2020) **Ofqual** publishes [Awarding organisation appeals and complaints links](#) A list of Ofqual-regulated awarding organisations and links to their various complaints policies
- ↑ (10/08/2020) **JCQ** publishes [Candidate consent form – June 2020 Appeals](#) and infographic [JCQ decision tree 2020](#)
- ↑ (07/08/2020) **Ofqual** News story [Response to TES story about centre assessment grades](#)
- ↑ (07/08/2020) **The Exams Office** updates [Summer 2020 Results and Appeals process template](#)
- ↑ (07/08/2020) **JCQ** explainer infographic released – [Results 2020: How appeals work – AEA, Extended Project, GCS AS, GCE A Level and GCSE Qualifications](#) and [JCQ Appeals Booklet 2020 \(A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes June 2020 examination series\)](#) published
- ↑ (06/08/2020) **Ofqual** publishes [Appeal arrangements for AS, A levels and GCSEs, Student guide to appeals and malpractice or maladministration complaints: summer 2020](#) and updates [Student guide to post-16 qualification results: summer 2020](#)
- ↑ (06/08/2020) **Ofqual** publishes consultation outcome decisions [Extraordinary regulatory framework, General Qualifications COVID-19: Guidance](#)
- ↑ (updated 03/08/2020) **The Exams Office** article – [Student data – Sharing grades and rankings](#)
- ↑ (03/08/2020) **Ofqual** publishes [Consultation decisions – proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2021](#)
- ↑ (03/08/2020) **Ofqual** launches [Consultation on the assessment and awarding of Vocational, Technical and other General Qualifications in 2020 to 2021](#)
- ↑ (30/07/2020) As part of the *Awarding qualifications in summer 2020* suite of guidance documents and resources **Ofqual** publishes [Awarding organisation results information](#) detailing the method or tool each will use to provide results to centres
- ↑ (28/07/2020) **Ofqual** updates [Student guide to post-16 qualification results: summer 2020](#) (Added BSL signed version of the guide)
- ↑ (28/07/2020) **JCQ** publishes [Vocational and Technical Qualifications Results Days 2020](#) (dated 23/07/2020)
- ↑ (28/07/2020) **The Exams Office** publishes for members – [Autumn 2020 guide to preparing for entries](#)

- ↑ (27/07/2020) **The Exams Office** updates – [Summer 2020 guide to preparing for results day\(s\)](#) (Deadline for appeals added)
  - ↑ (27/07/2020) **Ofqual** publishes a [student guide](#) for those receiving qualification results in England this summer. This guide is to help students and their parents/carers understand how results have been awarded this year and where to find more information.
- Ofqual** has also written a [letter to all schools and colleges](#) ahead of results, asking them to share the student guide with students and their parents/carers. The letter to centres gives information about the statistical standardisation process for GCSEs, AS and A levels and signposts our resources for more information. The letter also outlines the approach to vocational and technical qualifications, gives information about sharing centre assessment grades, appeals, progression and the autumn series.
- Both the student guide and the letter to centres can be found [here](#) or you can direct students to the following web address: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/your-results-what-next>. **Ofqual** is keen that as many students as possible are aware of the guide and will be publicising it through a social media campaign.
- Further to the summer symposium last week, **Ofqual** has updated the guidance document [Summer 2020 grades for GCSE, AS and A level, Extended Project Qualification and Advanced Extension Award in maths](#) with an expanded section on the standardisation model. It also contains additional information in relation to subject access requests and the sharing of centre assessment grades and/or rank order information with students after results are released.
- ↑ (24/07/2020) **JCQ** publishes a video [A Guide to Exam Awarding 2020](#)
  - ↑ (23/07/2020) **The Exams Office** publishes an article – [Considering health and safety during the conducting of examinations](#)
  - ↑ (21/07/2020) **Ofqual** publishes [a fact sheet and film](#) which provide more detail about how GCSE, AS and A level grades will be standardised this summer. This has been added to the collection of information and guidance documents within [Awarding qualifications in summer 2020](#)
  - ↑ (19/07/2020) **Ofqual** launches [Teacher Survey: Centre Assessment Grades this summer](#)
  - ↑ (updated 17/07/2020) **The Exams Office** 7th July article – [Student data – Sharing grades and rankings](#)
  - ↑ (15/07/2020) **The Exams Office** updates – [Summer 2020 guide to preparing for results day\(s\)](#) and [Summer 2020 Results and Appeals process template](#)
  - ↑ (15/07/2020) **JCQ** publishes [RESULTS DAYS – Centre guidance – what results mean and next steps](#)
  - ↑ (updated 14/07/2020) **The Exams Office** 7th July article – [Student data – Sharing grades and rankings](#)
  - ↑ (13/07/2020) **DfE** updates and renames exams and assessments guidance [Taking exams during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)
  - ↑ (10/07/2020 UPDATED AT 15:00HRS) **The Exams Office** publishes for members – [Summer 2020 Results and Appeals process template](#)
  - ↑ (updated 10/07/2020) **The Exams Office** 7th July article – [Student data – Sharing grades and rankings](#)

- ↑ (10/07/2020) **The Exams Office** – Summer 2020 awarding – Key documents update – emailed to members
- ↑ (09/07/2020) **JCQ** announces examination dates for the autumn 2020 series
- ↑ (08/07/2020) **The Exams Office** publishes for members – Summer 2020 guide to preparing for results day(s)
- ↑ (07/07/2020) **JCQ** publishes GCSE, AS, A levels and VQs 2020: How it works and A Thank You from JCQ
- ↑ (07/07/2020) **JCQ** launches JCQ Teachers Survey Summer 2020
- ↑ (updated 07/07/2020) **The Exams Office** article – Sharing examination results with third parties and parents
- ↑ (updated 07/07/2020) **The Exams Office** article – Student data – Sharing grades and rankings
- ↑ (02/07/2020) **Ofqual** launches open consultation Proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2021 and encourages those with subject interest to take part and Ofqual publishes VTQ position paper – operation and regulation for 2020/21
- ↑ (01/07/2020) **The Exams Office** publishes a further July article – Student data – Sharing grades and rankings
- ↑ (30/06/2020) **The Exams Office** update July 2020 emailed to members
- ↑ (30/06/2020) **The Exams Office** update 5: Summary of Ofqual information Summer 2020 awarding update issued
- ↑ (30/06/2020) **Ofqual** publishes Decisions on an additional GCSE, AS and A level exam series in autumn 2020 and more details on appeals and confirms autumn exam arrangements
- ↑ (30/06/2020) **Ofqual** launches Consultation on statutory guidance in relation to the GQCovid regulatory framework and encourages those with a specialist interest to take part
- ↑ (29/06/2020) **The Exams Office** publishes July monthly update
- ↑ (23/06/2020) **The Exams Office** publishes July article – Summer 2020 awarding – Preparing for results day(s) and appeals
- ↑ (22/06/2020) **JCQ** launches new website
- ↑ (18/06/2020) **Ofqual** publishes open Letter to Heads of Centre – Awarding results in vocational and technical qualifications in summer 2020 (added to the Awarding qualifications in summer 2020 guidance page)
- ↑ (17/06/2020) **The Exams Office** update – The National Association of Examinations Officers (NAEO) – emailed to members
- ↑ (16/06/2020) **Ofqual** updates Awarding qualifications in summer 2020 guidance page and Exceptional arrangements for exam grading and assessment in 2020 consultation page as follows:  
*Private candidate policy update and Update on summer 2020 GCSEs, AS and A level grades for students in year 10 and below and for private candidates moved to Exceptional arrangements for exam grading and assessment in 2020. Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers: Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications removed. Superseded by Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications.*
- ↑ (12/06/2020) **Ofqual** publishes open Letter to Heads of Centre – general qualifications Summer 2020 arrangements Awarding calculated grades: GCSEs, AS and A levels summer 2020

"...I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, teachers and exams officers for the role everyone has played in making these judgements objectively and fairly for all students and in submitting them to the exam boards on time..."

Sally Collier, Chief Regulator

- ↑ (03/06/2020) **The Exams Office** update **June 2020** emailed to members
- ↑ (26/05/2020) June monthly update – *Message to our Members: Submitting centre assessment grades*
- ↑ (26/05/2020) **JCQ** publishes [Guidance for centres with entries split across awarding bodies for the same subject – summer 2020](#)
- ↑ (22/05/2020) **The Exams Office** update 4: **Summary of Ofqual information Summer 2020 awarding update** issued
- ↑ (22/05/2020) **JCQ** publishes [Guidance on malpractice for summer awarding 2020](#)
- ↑ (19/05/2020 updated 31/05/2020) How to submit centre assessment grades and rank orders. Example links to gather information include: [AQA](#), [OCR](#), [Pearson](#), [WJEC](#) and [Eduqas](#) (Links correct as at 05/06/2020 – remember to check with your awarding bodies for the latest updates and any available online training events that may be offered)
- ↑ (07/05/2020 updated 31/05/2020) **When** to submit centre assessment grades and rank orders. We appreciate that exams officers and their centres have questions about submitting centre assessment grades and rank orders. Gather information provided by awarding bodies on the window for submitting these. Example links to gather information include: [AQA Key dates for summer 2020](#); [OCR Summer 2020 key dates timeline](#); [Pearson Key dates and deadlines for General Qualifications](#) and [Assessment timeline for Vocational qualifications](#); [Eduqas Centre assessment grades](#) (Links correct as at 05/06/2020 – remember to check with your awarding bodies for the latest updates)
- ↑ (22/05/2020) **Ofqual** publishes a [statement](#), [analysis](#) and [decisions](#) in response to their consultation on exceptional arrangements for awarding GCSEs, AS, A levels, Extended Project Qualification and Advanced Extension Award in maths
  - Ofqual publishes an [infographic on the process for awarding GCSEs, AS and A levels summer 2020](#) and update their information for [students](#) and [schools and colleges](#) films
  - Ofqual launches an [autumn series consultation](#) closing on 8 June. *The Exams Office* encourages relevant staff in member centres to respond; updated their [Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers](#) document and [Information for Heads of Centre, Heads of Department and teachers on the submission of Centre assessment grades](#) document
  - Ofqual publishes the consultation [decisions](#) on the assessment and grading of vocational, technical and other general qualifications
- ↑ (06/05/2020) **The Exams Office** update **May 2020** emailed to members
- ↑ (05/05/2020) **Ofqual** publishes an *Update on summer 2020 GCSEs, AS and A level grades for students in year 10 and below and for private candidates* [here](#)
- ↑ (30/04/2020) **The Exams Office** May monthly update – *Message to our Members: Representing the exams officer community*
- ↑ (30/04/2020) **JCQ** publishes *Supplementary information on validation of evidence by centres for private candidates* [here](#) and **Ofqual** publish a *Private candidate policy update* [here](#)

- ↑ (28/04/2020 updated 06/05/2020) **JCQ** publish an *Update on the Summer Series 2020* [here](#) which includes updates on when to submit Centre Assessment Grades and rank orders, special consideration and access arrangements, conflicts of interest, transferred candidates, private candidates, entries, malpractice and results days
- ↑ (24/04/2020) **Ofqual** launches a consultation to seek views on the exceptional arrangements they have set out for awarding of vocational and technical qualifications, and general qualifications (other than GCSEs, AS and A levels). The [consultation](#) closed on 8 May 2020.
- ↑ (20/04/2020) **The Exams Office** update 3: [Summary of Ofqual information Summer 2020 awarding](#) issued
- ↑ (17/04/2020) We appreciate that exams officers and their centres have questions about the normal April deadline(s) for withdrawing entries to be eligible for a refund of fees. We are aware that awarding bodies are currently directly emailing centres and/or updating information on their Coronavirus pages regarding **withdrawals**, **deadlines** and **fees** at this exceptional time
- ↑ (16/04/2020) We are pleased that the Department for Education (**DfE**) has today confirmed that results for GCSEs and A/AS levels will be released on the same dates as originally planned – **20 August** and **13 August** respectively
- ↑ (15/04/2020) **Ofqual** asks us to encourage our members to provide a response to the consultation on the summer 2020 awarding process. The [consultation](#) closed on 29 April 2020.
- ↑ (06/04/2020) **The Exams Office** update [April 2020](#) emailed to members
- ↑ (03/04/2020) **The Exams Office** update 2: [Summary of Ofqual information Summer 2020 grading](#) issued
- ↑ (30/03/2020) **April monthly update** – *Message to our Members: [Grade awarding – summer 2020](#)*
- ↑ (24/03/2020) **The Exams Office** – [Coronavirus update](#) emailed to members
- ↑ (23/03/2020) **The Exams Office** update 1: [Statement](#) issued
- ↑ (20/03/2020) **The Exams Office** good practice update: Keep students (and parents/carers) informed by creating and updating an area on your centre website providing links to the latest information provided by the DfE, Ofqual, JCQ and the awarding bodies your centre works with