

Summer 2020

What can I do if I am unhappy with my exams results?

FAQs

In this unprecedented exams season, we thought it would be useful to provide you with some guidance as to your options if you are not happy with the results that you received. You will have heard in the press that the results you have received are based on the centre-assessed grade that your teachers submitted in May. Where this grade was lower than the Final Calculated Grade (reached using Ofqual's algorithm) you will have received the higher of the two grades. We sincerely hope that for the majority of students, you are able to relax, make plans and celebrate at this time. However, if that is not the case please read the following.

1. Can you progress to the next stage?

The most important consideration is whether your results allow you to progress to the next stage of education, training or employment. If you want to progress to a sixth form college or further education establishment, you will have entry requirements to fulfil. If your grades fulfil these, then you are probably advised to do nothing at this stage.

2. I cannot progress - what should I do?

If you have not met the entry requirements, you should contact the college for advice.

3. I have not met The Weald sixth form entry requirements - what should I do?

You can discuss your grades and courses when you come in for your enrolment appointment. Every year we have students who do not meet the entry requirements. However, as this year you will have received the centre-assessed grade it is unlikely that we will be able to make exceptions. However, please do discuss this at your interview. There will also be other courses that may be accessible to you if your results were lower than you had anticipated.

4. I want to go to a different college and I have not met their requirements - what should I do?

Contact the college to discuss your options.

5. What can I do if my grades are too low to access a course?

If you are chosen college etc. advises you that your grades are too low to allow you entry on to a course, and you are committed to that route, you can sit the exams in the autumn (please see guidance on the autumn exams series below).

Guidance on the autumn exams series please be advised that the information below is based on the current situation and may well be subject to change.

- These will be offered to students who wish to sit GCSE exams between 2nd & 23rd November, and will be subject to a fee. If you wish to sit the exams, you must apply to do so by 18th September.
- You are likely to be studying for other courses at this time and revising for and sitting these exams will be very disruptive.

- The final grade for these autumn exams will be calculated purely on the basis of the written exam - you will not be able to use marks achieved in the Non Examined Assessments (coursework) with the exception of Art & Ceramics.
- However, if you have not achieved a GCSE grade 4 in English Language and/or Maths, it is probably advisable for you to sit these exams, as these will be a requirement for many colleges, including The Weald Sixth Form. These are likely to be offered at any college that you are attending. In addition, you can ask The Weald to:
 - Check whether an error was made when submitting your centre assessment grade to the awarding body, if you believe there is a case to be made. For example, you may share a name with another student and you may believe that you have received their results rather than yours.
 - Raise a complaint with The Weald if you feel you have evidence of bias or that you were discriminated against. We have adhered to the guidance strictly and have used transparent procedures to prevent this from happening.
 - Seek any information the exam board holds in relation to how your final grade was calculated.

If you wish have a review of any grades submitted, a form will be available on the website on <https://www.theweald.org.uk/page/?title=Exams+Information&pid=240> from Monday 24th August. If a mistake has been made either by the school or the exam board, we are then able to make an appeal on your behalf. The deadline for the submission of this form is 9th September. This would give us time to make any checks internally and see if any mistakes have been made.

You cannot:

- appeal against your centre assessment grades (the only way a CAG may be changed is by an internal review listed above which checks to ensure we have passed on the correct CAG to the exam board and that the exam board have used the CAG we submitted. It is effectively an administrative check.)
- appeal in respect of the process or procedure used by The Weald in calculating the centre assessment grades and position in the rank order unless you have evidence of bias and discrimination as detailed above
- appeal directly to the exam boards - this will need to be done through the exams manager