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Dear student

We understand how unsettling the last few months may have been for you, since school closed and exams were cancelled.

Ofqual and the exam boards have put in place special arrangements for this summer to make sure that the vast majority of students have received calculated grades, so they can progress to further study or employment as expected. The grades you receive this year will carry the same value as any other year, so you can compete on a level playing field with students from previous and future years. Ofqual have created the '[Student guide to Post 16 qualifications results](#)', which should help you understand how results have been awarded this year and where to find more information. The student guide is available for you to easily access on the school website and a link was also sent in the InTouch message, sent to your parents, with your appointment time to collect your examination results.

What should I do if I am unhappy with my results?

Firstly, you must make sure that you are clear on what basis you can appeal your result. You can appeal only if you think there has been an error in the process.

In the '[Student guide to Post 16 qualifications results](#)' on pages 8 to 12, Ofqual have shared what to do if you are unhappy with your results and the appeals process.

As explained in the document, dissatisfaction with the grades issued by exam boards does not constitute grounds for appeal, unless there is evidence that there has been a technical error by the centre or the board.

If you wish to appeal your examination data, please complete the [Internal Appeals Form](#) and return it via email from your school email address to exams@ridgewoodschool.co.uk. The Internal Appeals Form will be available on the day of your results and the deadline for completion is one week after your results day. A senior member staff from of Ridgewood School will be in touch within seven days to discuss your concern.

Department for Education Update 12 August 2020

On the 12 August 2020, the Department for Education announced the new 'triple lock' process to give young people the added security as they receive their A level or GCSE grades this year. This states "students could accept their calculated grade, appeal to receive a valid mock result, or sit autumn exams to ensure the achievements of young people are recognised." Ofqual has been asked to determine how and when valid mock results can be used to calculate grades. The [Internal Appeals Form](#) must be completed by students in the first instance and returned to exams@ridgewoodschool.co.uk. Once we receive further information from Ofqual regarding the process, we will be in a position to action appeals in line with the guidelines.



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Deadlines for return of Internal Appeals Form:

- A level - Thursday 20 August 2020 – 12 noon
- GCSE – Thursday 27 August 2020 – 12 noon

Autumn exam series

Students whose progression to post 16 or post 18 routes has been affected by their results may choose to re-sit their exams in the autumn series; this provides an opportunity to demonstrate their ability. The re-sit requires the candidate to perform 'as well as' the grade already achieved 'and better it'. The re-sit examinations for A level start from Monday 5 October and the re-sit examinations for GCSE start from Monday 2 November.


If you wish to re-sit a qualification in the autumn exam series, please contact exams@ridgewoodschool.co.uk. The deadline for this is below:

- A level – Wednesday 26 August 2pm
- GCSE – Wednesday 9 September 2pm

Resit Result Days

- A level – Thursday 17 December 2020
- GCSE (English and Maths) – Thursday 14 January 2021
- GCSE (All other subjects) – Thursday 11 February 2021

Yours sincerely



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