

Ashfield Girls' High School

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Summer Awarding Arrangements 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Summer Awarding Arrangements for 2021.

Following the cancellation of examinations by the Minister of Education in January 2021, schools were asked to award a grade (Centre Determined Grade) that reflected the standard at which a student was working; assessed only on the content that the class teacher had covered. Schools were advised, in guidance to Heads of Centre, that Centre Determined Grades should be holistic. In that they should represent the standard at which the student was working across the entirety of the qualification. Schools were also advised that for each grade awarded they were to collect evidence to support that grade. Each grade awarded goes through a rigorous process of quality assurance at Head of Department level, Vice-Principal level and then finally signed off by myself as Head of Centre.

Our Centre Determined Grades process is nearing completion. Pupils have completed their assessments. Teachers have standardised, marked and moderated assessment evidence across the qualifications. Our Centre Determined Policy was submitted to CCEA on 23 April 2021 and has been approved. The Centre Determined Grade Policy (with assessment details in the appendix) can be viewed on the school website.

In addition, CCEA have created some useful resources for students and parents which further explain the grading process this summer. The first resource is an animation which can be found at <https://ccea.org.uk/student-guide-summer-2021>. A range of other student resources are available at <https://ccea.org.uk/summer-2021-student-area>.

GCE AS & A2 and BTEC level 3 grades will be released on 10 August and GCSE and other level 2 grades will be released on 12 August. We will send further details about the collection of results in due course.

As outlined in the Centre Determined Policy, step 5 is the Post-Award Review. This is the terminology used by CCEA for the appeals process. CCEA have not published their appeal process and policy as yet. Once this is published, it will be uploaded onto the school website (microsite – Summer Awarding Arrangements 2021).

On behalf of the staff at Ashfield Girls' High School, I would like to congratulate all our A-Level and GCSE students for making it through what has been a very challenging year. The impact cannot be underestimated; however, I am proud of the resilience shown by our students. We send our best wishes to our pupils, your daughters, and look forward to seeing them again on results day.

I would also like to acknowledge the support and kind words that you have given to our school staff, it has been comforting and very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Louise Harvey
Principal

