



Aston Manor Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really excited about students returning back to school next week and are very proud of how our exam year students have engaged in their remote learning since January. As you will be aware, last week, the Department for Education published the findings of their consultation on how GCSEs/A Levels/Vocational qualifications will be awarded. In case you missed the information, the key details are:

- Grades will be decided based on assessments within school, with no external examinations.
- Students will be assessed on the content they have covered, not the whole specification.
- Schools will assess students and submit grades to examination boards by 18th June.
- Examination boards will quality assure and moderate the grades we submit to them.
- Students will receive their results on 10th August (Year 13) and 12th August (Year 11).

Attached is a helpful infographic produced by Ofqual that summarises the consultation.

We have started planning on how we are going to assess our students before the 18th June deadline. Currently, we have decided the following:

- Teaching of new content will stop by 12th March to allow teachers to review content previously covered with their classes.
- Assessments prior to the Lockdown beginning in January will be used to help evidence student grades.
- A 2-week assessment window starting 26th April will assess students in each subject on the content students have learned so far during their course. These assessments will NOT cover the whole of the specification and students will be informed as to the nature of these assessments as soon as possible.
- Students' in class assessments/coursework until 18th June can also be used to help evidence their grade.
- Students studying coursework-based subjects will be given clear deadlines for which units of coursework need to be completed or partially completed.
- Catch up & revision sessions for some subjects will be held over the Easter holidays. Students can take part in sessions either on site or remotely via Microsoft Teams.
- Students will continue to be taught after the assessment window to make sure they are sufficiently equipped for the next stage of their education.

The key for us at Aston Manor Academy is to ensure that the grades submitted are fair, using as wider range of evidence as possible and have been quality assured. When we find out any more information or make further decisions, we will contact you again.

Yours sincerely,

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How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021



Working out your grade

- Graded by teacher judgement
- Not graded by an algorithm
- School and college assessments can continue
- You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught
- Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you
- Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded

Evidence

- Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence
- Non-exam assessment should continue
- Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete
- Art & design grade based only on your portfolio
- Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to
- Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best

Results and appeals

- Results days
AS and A level 10 August
GCSE 12 August
- If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.

You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website

www.gov.uk/ofqual

