

Centre Policy template

FOR A/AS LEVELS, LEVEL THREE VOCATIONAL, LEVEL TWO AND
THREE BTEC AND GCSES FOR SUMMER 2021: ASHTON SIXTH
FORM COLLEGE



Centre Policy for determining teacher assessed grades in Summer 2021

Background

This policy has been written with regard to the guidance circulated by JCQ and related to the regarding of Teacher Assessed Grades in Summer 2021. It outlines the aim and approach taken by Ashton Sixth Form College including how we have prepared those staff involved.

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Statement of intent

This section outlines the purpose of this document in relation to our centre.

Statement of Intent

This section provides details of the purpose of this document, as appropriate to our centre:

The purpose of this policy is:

- *To ensure that teacher assessed grades are determined fairly, consistently, free from bias and effectively within and across departments.*
- *To ensure the operation of effective processes with clear guidelines and support for staff.*
- *To ensure that all staff involved in the processes clearly understand their roles and responsibilities.*
- *To support teachers to take evidence-based decisions in line with Joint Council for Qualifications guidance.*
- *To ensure the consideration of historical centre data in the process, and the appropriate decision making in respect of, teacher assessed grades.*
- *To support a high standard of internal quality assurance in the allocation of teacher assessed grades (TAGs) and qualification teacher assessed grades (QTAGs).*
- *To support our centre in meeting its obligations in relation to equality legislation.*
- *To ensure our centre meets all requirements set out by the Department of Education, Ofqual, the Joint Council for Qualifications and awarding organisations for Summer 2021 qualifications.*
- *To ensure the process for communicating to candidates and their parents/carers how they will be assessed is clear, in order to give confidence.*

Roles and responsibilities

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the personnel in our centre who have specific roles and responsibilities in the process of determining teacher assessed grades this year.

Roles and Responsibilities

This section gives details of the roles and responsibilities within our centre:

Head of Centre

- *Our Head of Centre, Anton McGrath, will be responsible for approving our policy for determining teacher assessed grades.*
- *Our Head of Centre has overall responsibility for Ashton Sixth Form College as an examinations centre and will ensure that clear roles and responsibilities of all staff are defined.*
- *Our Head of Centre will confirm that teacher assessed grades (TAGs) and qualification teacher assessed grades (QTAGs) decisions represent the academic judgement made by teachers and that the checks in place ensure these align with the guidance on standards provided by awarding organisations.*
- *Our Head of Centre will ensure a robust internal quality assurance process has been produced and signed-off in advance of results being submitted.*

Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Department

Our Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Departments will:

- *provide training and support to our other staff (unconscious bias training, moderation, standardisation, use of evidence base, use of grade descriptors, use of performance indicators and the use of historic result patterns from 2017-19.*
- *To create a timeline for the implementation of the process to ensure deadlines are met.*
- *Provide Heads of Departments and teaching staff with the range of data necessary for decision making, including student achievement information, contextual information for individual students and value added profiles.*
- *Develop a system for gathering and retaining relevant evidence for decision making.*
- *support the Head of Centre in the quality assurance of the final teacher assessed grades.*
- *ensure an effective approach within and across departments and authenticating the preliminary outcome from single teacher subjects.*
- *be responsible for ensuring staff have a clear understanding of the internal and external quality assurance processes and their role within it.*
- *ensure that all teachers within their department make consistent judgements about student evidence in deriving a grade.*
- *ensure all staff conduct assessments under the appropriate levels of control with reference to guidance provided by the Joint Council for Qualifications / Pearson (BTEC).*
- *ensure teachers have the information required to make accurate and fair judgments.*
- *ensure that a Head of Department Checklist is completed for each qualification that they are submitting.*
- *Ensure transparency in communication with students and their parents / carers so that they have an understanding of the internal and external process, including appeals.*

- *Use external value added information to check for comparability with historical outcomes at department and college level to mitigate against any unconscious bias.*

Teachers/ Specialist Teachers / SENCo

Our teachers, specialist teachers and SENCo will:

- *ensure they conduct assessments under our centre's appropriate levels of control and have sufficient evidence, in line with this Centre Policy and guidance from the Joint Council for Qualifications, to provide teacher assessed grades (TAGs) and/ or qualification teacher assessed grades (QTAGs) for each student they have entered for a qualification.*
- *ensure that the teacher assessed grade (TAG) or qualification teacher assessed grade (QTAG) they assign to each student is a fair, valid and reliable reflection of the assessed evidence available for each student.*
- *make judgements based on what each student has been taught and what they have been assessed on, as outlined in the section on grading in the main JCQ guidance / BTEC guidance (Pearson).*
- *produce an Assessment Record for each subject cohort, that includes the nature of the assessment evidence being used, the level of control for assessments considered, and any other evidence that explains the determination of the final teacher assessed grades. Any necessary variations for individual students will also be recorded.*
- *securely store and be able to retrieve sufficient evidence to justify their decisions.*
- *Ensure that all relevant EAA / EHCP information is shared with teachers, documentation and implement as appropriate in assessments and when making judgements.*
- *Pastoral support teams to ensure that subject teachers are aware of any relevant contextual information to enable decisions to be made.*

Examinations Officer

Our Examinations Officer will:

- *be responsible for the administration of our final teacher assessed grades and for managing the post-results services.*
- *Act as a central point of contact for any communication with awarding bodies.*
- *Will arrange to collate student requests for consideration with regard to any extenuating circumstances and share with teachers, as appropriate.*

Training, support and guidance

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the training, support and guidance that our centre will provide to those determining teacher assessed grades this year.

Training

This section provides details of the approach our centre will take to *training, support and guidance in determining teacher assessed grades this year*

- *Teachers involved in determining grades in our centre will attend any centre-based training to help achieve consistency and fairness to all students to include unconscious bias training, training on the use of the evidence base, training on the use of grade descriptors / performance indicators for individual subjects, training relating to standardisation and moderation practices, and training relating to the correct use of historic outcomes data to support a holistic teacher judgement.*
- *Teachers will communicate openly with students in relation to the use of the evidence base and the process, but understand their responsibility to ensure confidentiality of decisions made prior to the published results day for the relevant qualification.*
- *Teachers will engage fully with all training and support that has been provided by the Joint Council for Qualifications and the awarding organisations.*

Support for Newly Qualified Teachers and teachers less familiar with assessment

This section provides details of our approach to *training, support and guidance for newly qualified teachers and teachers less familiar with assessment*

- *We will provide mentoring and supervision from experienced subject teachers to NQTs, RQTs and teachers less familiar with assessment for a particular qualification.*
- *We will put in place additional moderation and standardisation reviews of teacher assessed grades for NQTs, RQTs and other teachers as appropriate.*
- *We will provide assessment training for all NQTs, RQTs and teachers less familiar with assessment for a particular qualification prior to the process beginning.*

Use of appropriate evidence

This section of our Centre Policy indicates how our centre will give due regard to the section in the JCQ guidance entitled: *Guidance on grading for teachers*.

A. Use of evidence

This section gives details in relation to our use of evidence.

- *Teachers making judgements will have regard to the Ofqual Head of Centre guidance on recommended evidence, and further guidance provided by awarding organisations.*
- *All candidate evidence used to determine teacher assessed grades (TAGs) and /or qualification teacher assessed grades (QTAGs), and associated documentation, will be retained and made available for the purposes of external quality assurance and appeals, where available.*
- *We will be using student work produced in response to assessment materials provided by our awarding organisation(s), including groups of questions, past papers or similar materials such as practice or sample papers.*
- *We will use non-exam assessment work (often referred to as coursework), even if this has not been fully completed.*
- *We will use student work produced in centre-devised tasks that reflect the specification, that follow the same format as awarding organisation materials, and have been marked in a way that reflects awarding organisation mark schemes.*
- *We will use evidence produced through Formal Assessment Points for A level and GCSE qualifications, Core Maths and Criminology. We will use evidence gathered from Formal Assessment Points from the duration of the course including, where appropriate, mock examinations. For BTEC, other vocational qualifications and EPQ we will use evidence of the work you have produced during your study (including work that took place during remote learning).*
- *As A level qualifications and GCSE qualifications lead to terminal examination, greater consideration will be given to assessments which have taken place in the final year of the qualification, with greater significance given to those assessments with the highest level of control and reliability.*
- *We will use records of a student's capability and performance over the course of study in performance-based subjects such as drama and PE.*
- *The evidence type for each qualification type will be clearly communicated to students and parents.*
- *BTEC evidence will be completed units, partially completed units, project and / or coursework.*

We provide further detail in the following areas:

Additional Assessment Materials

- *We will use additional assessment materials, where appropriate, to give students the opportunity to show what they know, understand or can do in an area of content that has been taught but not yet assessed.*
- *Where additional assessment materials are used, we will combine and/or remove elements of questions where, for example, a multi-part question includes a part which focuses on an element of the specification that has not been taught.*

Our centre will ensure the appropriateness of evidence and balance of evidence in arriving at grades in the following ways:

- *We will consider the level of control and reliability under which an assessment was completed, for example, whether the evidence was produced under high control and under supervision or at home. We will give greater consideration to those assessments which have taken place with a high level of control.*
- *We will ensure that we are able to authenticate the work as the student's own, especially where that work was not completed within the college.*
- *We will consider the limitations of assessing a student's performance when using assessments that have been completed more than once, or drafted and redrafted, where this is not a skill being assessed.*
- *We will consider the specification and assessment objective coverage of the assessment.*
- *We will consider the depth and breadth of knowledge, understanding and skills assessed, especially higher order skills within individual assessments.*
- *We will ensure that any assessments reflect the taught content and allow opportunities to demonstrate high a full range of skills, understanding and knowledge gained.*
- *We will ensure that all students follow as standard pattern of assessment during their study with appropriate notice periods so students can prepare.*

Determining teacher assessed grades

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach our centre will take to awarding teacher assessed grades.

Awarding teacher assessed grades based on evidence

We give details here of our centre's approach to awarding teacher assessed grades.

- *Our teachers will determine grades based on evidence which is commensurate with the standard at which a student is performing, i.e. their demonstrated knowledge, understanding and skills across the content of the course they have been taught.*
- *Our teachers will record how the evidence was used to arrive at a fair and objective grade, which is free from bias.*
- *Teachers are using the widest possible basket of evidence in a holistic way and will use work which has been assessed to make a judgement.*
- *Where there is insufficient evidence, as determined by the teacher and confirmed by a senior leader, teachers reserve the right not to award a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) qualification teacher assessed grade (QTAG).*

Internal quality assurance

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach our centre will take to ensure internal standardisation of teacher assessed grades, to ensure consistency, fairness and objectivity of decisions.

Head of Centre Internal Quality Assurance and Declaration

Internal quality assurance

This section gives details of our approach to internal standardisation, within and across subject departments.

- *We will ensure that all teachers involved in deriving teacher assessed grades read and understand this Centre Policy document.*
- *In subjects where there is more than one teacher and/or class in the department, we will ensure that our centre carries out an internal standardisation and moderation process.*
- *We will ensure that all teachers are provided with training and support to ensure they take a consistent approach to:*
 - *Arriving at teacher assessed grades*
 - *Consideration of evidence*
 - *Appropriate and consistent use of mark schemes and grade descriptors / performance indicators*
 - *Reaching a holistic grading decision*
 - *Applying the use of grading support and documentation*
- *We will conduct internal standardisation and moderation across all Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG) / qualification teacher assessed grades (QTAGs) for all qualifications.*
- *We will ensure that the Assessment Record will form the basis of internal standardisation and discussions across teachers to agree the awarding of teacher assessed grades.*
- *Where necessary, we will review and reflect on individual grading decisions to ensure alignment with the standards as outlined by our awarding organisation(s).*
- *Where appropriate, we will amend individual grade decisions to ensure alignment with the standards as outlined by our awarding organisation(s).*
- *Where there is only one teacher involved in marking assessments and determining grades, then the output of this activity will be reviewed by an appropriate member of staff within the centre.*
 - *In most cases, this will be the Head of Department or where the sole teacher assessor is the Head of Department, the review will be undertaken by an experienced team member or member of the Senior Leadership Team.*

Comparison of teacher assessed grades to results for previous cohorts

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach we will take to compare our teacher assessed grades in 2021 with results from previous cohorts.

Comparison of Teacher Assessed Grades to results for previous cohorts

This section gives details of our internal process to ensure a comparison of teacher assessed grades at qualification level to results for previous cohorts in our centre taking the same qualification.

- *All teachers will make their judgements as to each individual student's Teacher Assessed Grade (TAGs) / qualification teacher assessed grade (QTAG). It is only after this that the wider pattern of result for that cohort will be compared to historic outcomes from 2017, 2018 and 2019.*
- *We will compile information on the grades awarded to our students in past June series in which exams took place in 2017, 2018 and 2019.*
- *We will consider the size and academic starting point of our cohort from year to year.*
- *We will consider the stability of our centre's overall grade outcomes from year to year.*
- *We will consider both subject and centre level variation in our outcomes during the internal quality assurance process.*
- *We will prepare a succinct narrative on the outcomes of the review against historic data which, in the event of significant divergence from the qualifications-levels profiles attained in previous examined years, which address the reasons for this divergence. This commentary will be available for subsequent review during the QA process.*

This section gives details of the approach our centre will follow if our initial teacher assessed grades for a qualification are viewed as overly lenient or harsh compared to results in previous years.

- *We will compile historical data giving appropriate regard to potential mixtures of A*-G / BTEC grading and 9-1 grades in GCSEs. Where required, we will use the Ofqual guidance to convert legacy grades into the new 9 to 1 scale.*
- *We will compile historic data giving appropriate regard to previous performance in terms of raw results, high grades and value added for all A level (or equivalent) qualifications.*
- *We will compile historic data giving appropriate regard to previous performance in terms of raw results and high grades for all GCSE qualifications.*
- *We will bring together other data sources that will help to quality assure the grades we intend to award in 2021.*
- *Where overly lenient or harsh outcomes are identified, a review of the process and evidence used to arrive at those outcomes will take place and a justification for any variation from the historical record would be provided.*

This section gives details of changes in our cohorts that need to be reflected in our comparisons.

- *We will omit subjects that we no longer offer from the historical data.*

Access Arrangements and Special Considerations

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach our centre will take to provide students with appropriate access arrangements and take into account mitigating circumstances in particular instances.

Reasonable adjustments and mitigating circumstances (special consideration)

This section gives details of our approach to access arrangements and mitigating circumstances (special consideration).

- *Where students have agreed access arrangements or reasonable adjustments (for example a reader or scribe) we will make every effort to ensure that these arrangements are in place when assessments are being taken.*
- *Where an assessment has taken place without an agreed reasonable adjustment or access arrangement, we will remove that assessment from the basket of evidence, where appropriate, and use the widest range of evidence available. This should not disadvantage any student.*
- *Where illness or other personal circumstances might have affected performance in assessments used in determining a student's standard of performance, we will take account of this when making judgements.*
- *We will record, as part of the Assessment Record, how we have incorporated any necessary variations to take account of the impact of illness or personal circumstances on the performance of individual students in assessments.*
- *To ensure consistency in the application of Special Consideration, we will ensure all teachers have read and understood the document: [JCQ – A guide to the special consideration process, with effect from 1 September 2020](#)*

Addressing disruption/differential lost learning (DLL)

B. Addressing Disruption/Differentiated Lost Learning (DLL)

This section gives details of our approach to address disruption or differentiated lost teaching.

- Teacher assessed grades (TAGs) / qualification teacher assessed grades (QTAGs) will be determined based on evidence of the content that has been taught and assessed for each student.

Objectivity

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the arrangements in place to ensure objectivity of decisions.

Objectivity

This section gives a summary of the arrangements in place within our centre in relation to objectivity.

Staff will fulfil their duties and responsibilities in relation to relevant equality and disability legislation. This will be emphasised in the delivery of unconscious bias training for all involved in the process of awarding grades.

Senior Leaders, Heads of Department and the Centre will consider:

- *sources of unfairness and bias (situations/contexts, difficulty, presentation and format, language, conditions for assessment, marker preconceptions);*
- *how to minimise bias in questions and marking and hidden forms of bias; and*
- *bias in teacher assessed grades.*

To ensure objectivity, all staff involved in determining teacher assessed grades will be made aware that:

- *unconscious bias can skew judgements;*
- *the evidence presented should be valued for its own merit as an indication of performance and attainment;*
- *teacher assessed grades should not be influenced by candidates' positive or challenging personal circumstances, character, behaviour, appearance, socio-economic background, or protected characteristics;*
- *unconscious bias is more likely to occur when quick opinions are formed.*
- *our internal standardisation process will help to ensure that there are different perspectives to the quality assurance process.*

Recording decisions and retention of evidence and data

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our arrangements to recording decisions and to retaining evidence and data.

C. Recording Decisions and Retention of Evidence and Data

This section outlines our approach to recording decisions and retaining evidence and data.

- *We will ensure that teachers and Heads of Departments maintain records that show how the teacher assessed grades process (TAGs) / qualification teacher assessed grades (QTAGs) operated, including the rationale for decisions in relation to individual marks/grades.*
- *We will ensure that evidence is maintained across a variety of tasks to develop a holistic view of each student's demonstrated knowledge, understanding and skills in the areas of content taught.*
- *We will put in place recording requirements for the various stages of the process to ensure the accurate and secure retention of the evidence used to make decisions.*
- *We will comply with our obligations regarding data protection legislation.*
- *We will ensure that the grades accurately reflect the evidence submitted.*
- *We will ensure that evidence is retained electronically (Cedar / UNIT-E) on paper, where possible, in a secure centre-based system that can be readily shared with our awarding organisation(s).*

Authenticating evidence

D. Authenticating evidence

This section of our Centre Policy details the mechanisms in place to ensure that teachers are confident in the authenticity of evidence, and the process for dealing with cases where evidence is not thought to be authentic.

- *Robust mechanisms will be in place to ensure that teachers are confident that work used as evidence is the students' own and that no inappropriate levels of support have been given to students to complete it, either within the centre or with external tutors. Such mechanisms include:*
 - *Candidate declarations for NEA, EPQ and other coursework based qualifications*
 - *Evidence of immediate upload of electronic submission for those assessment points held remotely*
 - *Attendance registers for formal assessment points and mock examinations the overwhelming majority of which took place in college under the supervision of teachers, other college staff or invigilators*
 - *Photographic identity checks in formal mock examinations*
- *It is understood that awarding organisations will investigate instances where it appears evidence is not authentic. We will follow all guidance provided by awarding organisations to support these determinations of authenticity.*

Confidentiality, malpractice and conflicts of interest

Confidentiality

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the measures in place to ensure the confidentiality of the grades our centre determines, and to make students aware of the range of evidence on which those grades will be based.

A. Confidentiality
<p><i>This section details the measures in place in our centre to maintain the confidentiality of grades, while sharing information regarding the range of evidence on which the grades will be based.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All staff involved have been made aware of the need to maintain the confidentiality of teacher assessed grades (TAGs) / qualification teacher assessed grades (QTAGs).</i> • <i>All teaching staff have been briefed on the requirement to share details of the range of evidence on which students' grades will be based, while ensuring that details of the final grades remain confidential.</i> • <i>For transparency, this policy and any other relevant documentation will be shared with both students and their parents / guardians.</i>

Malpractice

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the measures in place to prevent malpractice and other breaches of exam regulations, and to deal with such cases if they occur.

B. Malpractice
<p><i>This section details the measures in place in our centre to prevent malpractice and, where that proves impossible, to handle cases in accordance with awarding organisation requirements.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Our general centre policies regarding malpractice, maladministration and conflicts of interest have been reviewed to ensure they address the specific challenges of delivery in Summer 2021.</i> • <i>All staff involved have been made aware of these policies, and have received training in them as necessary.</i> • <i>All staff involved have been made aware of the specific types of malpractice which may affect the Summer 2021 series including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>breaches of internal security;</i> ○ <i>deception;</i> ○ <i>improper assistance to students;</i> ○ <i>failure to appropriately authenticate a student's work;</i> ○ <i>over direction of students in preparation for common assessments;</i>

- *allegations that centres submit grades not supported by evidence that they know to be inaccurate;*
- *centres enter students who were not originally intending to certificate a grade in the Summer 2021 series;*
- *failure to engage as requested with awarding organisations during the External Quality Assurance and appeal stages; and*
- *failure to keep appropriate records of decisions made and teacher assessed grades.*

- *The consequences of malpractice or maladministration as published in the JCQ guidance: [JCQ Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures](#) and including the risk of a delay to students receiving their grades, up to, and including, removal of centre status have been outlined to all relevant staff.*

Conflicts of Interest

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the measures in place to address potential conflicts of interest.

C. Conflicts of Interest

This section details our approach to addressing conflicts of interest, and how we will respond to such allegations.

- *To protect the integrity of assessments, all staff involved in the determination of grades must declare any conflict of interest such as relationships with students (for example: relatives) to our Head of Centre for further consideration.*
- *Our Head of Centre will take appropriate action to manage any conflicts of interest arising with centre staff in accordance with the JCQ documents - [General Regulations for Approved Centres, 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021](#).*
- *We will also carefully consider the need to separate duties and personnel to ensure fairness in later process reviews and appeals.*

External Quality Assurance

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the arrangements in place to comply with awarding organisation arrangements for External Quality Assurance of teacher assessed grades in a timely and effective way.

A. External Quality Assurance

This section outlines the arrangements we have in place to ensure the relevant documentation and assessment evidence can be provided in a timely manner for the purposes of External Quality Assurance sampling, and that staff can be made available to respond to enquiries.

- *All staff involved have been made aware of the awarding organisation requirements for External Quality Assurance as set out in the **JCQ Guidance / Pearson BTEC guidance** .*
- *All necessary records of decision-making in relation to determining grades have been properly kept and can be made available for review as required.*
- *All student evidence, on which decisions regarding the determination of grades has been retained, can be made available for review as required. This evidence may take the form of the original assessed piece or a record of the grade awarded for that assessment held on a secure electronic platform (Cedar).*
- *Instances where student evidence used to decide teacher assessed grades (TAGs) / qualification teacher assessed grades (QTAG) is not available, for example where the material has previously been returned to students and cannot now be retrieved, will be clearly recorded on the appropriate documentation.*
- *All staff involved have been briefed on the possibility of interaction with awarding organisations during the different stages of the External Quality Assurance process and can respond promptly and fully to enquiries, including attendance at Virtual Visits should this prove necessary.*
- *Arrangements are in place to respond fully and promptly to any additional requirements/reviews that may be identified as a result of the External Quality Assurance process.*
- *Staff have been made aware that a failure to respond fully and effectively to such additional requirements may result in further action by the awarding organisations, including the withholding of results.*
- *BTEC qualifications: all completed unit work will be retained in the centre for 6 months following publication of results as per the Pearson BTEC guidance.*

Results

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our approach to the receipt and issue of results to students and the provision of necessary advice and guidance.

A. Results

This section details our approach to the issue of results to students and the provision of advice and guidance.

- *All staff involved have been made aware of the specific arrangements for the issue of results in Summer 2021, including the issuing of A/AS and GCSE results in the same week.*
- *Arrangements will be made to ensure the necessary staffing, including exams office and support staff, to enable the efficient receipt and release of results to our students.*
- *Arrangements will be in place for the provision of all necessary advice, guidance and support, including pastoral support, to students on receipt of their results.*
- *Such guidance will include advice on the appeals process in place in 2021 (see below).*
- *Appropriate staff will be available to respond promptly to any requests for information from awarding organisations, for example regarding missing or incomplete results, to enable such issues to be swiftly resolved.*
- *Students and parents/guardians have been made aware of arrangements for results days.*

Appeals

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our approach to Appeals, to ensure that they are handled swiftly and effectively, and in line with JCQ requirements.

A. Appeals

This section details our approach to managing appeals, including Centre Reviews, and subsequent appeals to awarding organisations.

- *All staff involved have been made aware of the arrangements for, and the requirements of, appeals in Summer 2021, as set out in the **JCQ Guidance / Pearson BTEC guidance**.*
- *Internal arrangements will be in place for the swift and effective handling of Centre Reviews in compliance with the requirements.*
- *All necessary staff have been briefed on the process for, and timing of, such reviews, and will be available to ensure their prompt and efficient handling.*
- *Students have been appropriately guided as to the necessary stages of appeal.*
- *Arrangements will be in place for the timely submission of appeals to awarding organisations, including any priority appeals, for example those on which university places depend.*
- *Arrangements will be in place to obtain the written consent of students to the initiation of appeals, and to record their awareness that grades may go down as well as up on appeal.*
- *Appropriate information on the appeals process will be provided to parents/carers.*