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## Process for appealing Year 11 GCSE results following results day on 12th August

The Joint Council of Qualifications has just released details on how GCSE appeals will be conducted after results day.

The first thing to say is that the government has decided that there will be an opportunity to resit exams in the Autumn. This may prevent the need for an appeal.

The second thing to mention is that an appeal might result in the grade going down rather than up. It is also important to tell you that there is no grade protection this year. This means that if an appeal uncovers an issue that negatively affects the result of more than one child, the default position is that the grades of all of the affected children should be lowered. However, schools are given some leeway to determine whether lowering a grade in this case would be the wrong course of action.

Appeals are called **Centre Reviews**.

If you still wish to appeal a grade after results day, you will be able to download a centre review form on the school website which you can fill in and send to school. These forms will be available to download from the 12th of August.

The grounds for a centre review are as follows:

1. You think that the school may have made a basic mistake (e.g. an arithmetical error or a confusion between the names of two students).
2. You feel that we have not followed our own centre policy properly (you can access the policy here: <https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/information/policies>)

You will not be able to appeal on the grounds that we could have used a different set of evidence, simply on whether the evidence we *did* choose allowed us to make a *reasonable* judgement.

You will have between the 12th of August and the 3rd of September to send us your centre review form.

The JCQ have suggested a date of the 10th of September for schools to provide the result of the review. However, they have not made this a firm deadline as they recognise that schools may be inundated with centre reviews and be unable to process them by the 10th. They are aware that teachers are not contracted to work during the summer holidays. However, we will try our best to meet that date.

The school will send you back a form giving the result of the review and the reasons for the decision. After that point you might decide to appeal to the exam board. There is a second form for that which we will provide for you along with our reply.

I hope this has been helpful. Please do contact us if you would like any more information.

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