



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

You will have now received your GCSE or equivalent/AS, A level or equivalent results. Congratulations! We are aware people will feel differently about their results, however it has been a difficult year with many disruptions and your grade is a reflection of all the hard work you put in and the barriers you have overcome.

As you know, exams this year were cancelled by the government in January and replaced by a process of Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) in order to grade students. Letters on this process have been previously sent out to parents and can be found here:

https://files.schudio.com/samworth/files/documents/Y11_Y13_Centre_Assessed_Grades_process_letter_April_21.pdf.

As previously shared, the evidence bases for each of our subjects can also be found here: <https://www.samworthchurchacademy.co.uk/student-information/year-11-and-13-centre-assessed-grades/evidence-reveal-powerpoints>.

The CAGs we submitted were in line with our Centre Policy, which was approved by the exam boards and has been sent out to student email addresses this week. Furthermore, the evidence bases we also had to send a sample of our evidence and grading to the exam boards as part of quality assurance check. These were found to have no issues at all.

If you are unhappy with your grade, you should first speak to **Mr Vallance, Mr Mills, Mr Preece** (Year 11) or **Mr Sabbagh** (Year 13). If you wish to appeal your grade, you need to log this request with a member of staff today or send a request to the exams team email address (exams@tscacademy.org.uk). Please note the deadlines below for these processes, requests will not be processed after the deadlines indicated.

The first stage of any appeal is a Centre Review, in which we will check if any administrative or procedural errors have occurred. If students remain unhappy with the outcome of centre review, they can ask that we put forward an appeal to the awarding organisation on their behalf. The deadlines for this are:

- Centre Review deadline for priority appeals: 16th August 2021
- Awarding Organisation deadline for priority appeals: 20th August 2021
- Centre Review deadline for non-priority appeals: 3rd September 2021
- Awarding Organisation deadline for non-priority appeals: 15th September 2021

We must receive a Centre Review appeal by the deadline before we can progress it to an awarding organisation appeal.

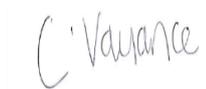
Priority appeals are only for A level students who have not met the conditional offer of their firm choice of university; in which case they should have notified their university of this.

Please note that during either of the appeals stages, results could go up or down or stay the same. You will not keep the higher of the grades, and an appeal cannot be withdrawn once a decision has been made.

Alternatively, all GCSE, AS and A level qualifications can be resat in the autumn term. Please see a member of staff on results day if you wish to do this. Alternatively email the exams team email address (indicated above) to let us know of your wishes. Under new government guidance for the next academic year only, year 13 students can resit their year 13. Again, if you wish to discuss this then please speak to a member of the sixth form team on results day or use the sixth form team email address.

Congratulations on your results again, and please do contact us if you have any further issues or questions, we will do all we can to help.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Vallance". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chris Vallance – Director of Student Experience