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Dear Parents & Carers

### **GCSE Level Results Day – Thursday 20 August 2020**

We are writing to you to update you on the process of awarding calculated GCSE Level grades and to confirm the arrangements for students to collect their results on Thursday 20 August 2020.

#### **How will GCSE grades be awarded?**

As you are aware, Ofqual asked schools and colleges to submit centre assessed grades to exam boards that were a fair and objective judgement of the grade we believed a student would have achieved had they completed their studies and sat the exams as planned. We were also asked to provide a rank order of students within each grade in a subject.

As a school we used the full range of evidence available to us to determine these grades and to ensure they reflected what students would have been able to achieve if they had been able to continue their final months of study. These grades have been carefully checked and scrutinised by middle and senior leaders within the school, and at a trust level, to ensure that they are fair and objective and that irrelevant factors such as a student's socio-economic background or any particular protected characteristic did not influence the grades awarded.

The centre assessed grades will then be used by exam boards to calculate GCSE grades for students. Exam boards will apply a standardisation model to the centre assessed grades and this will operate at a subject level, not a centre level.

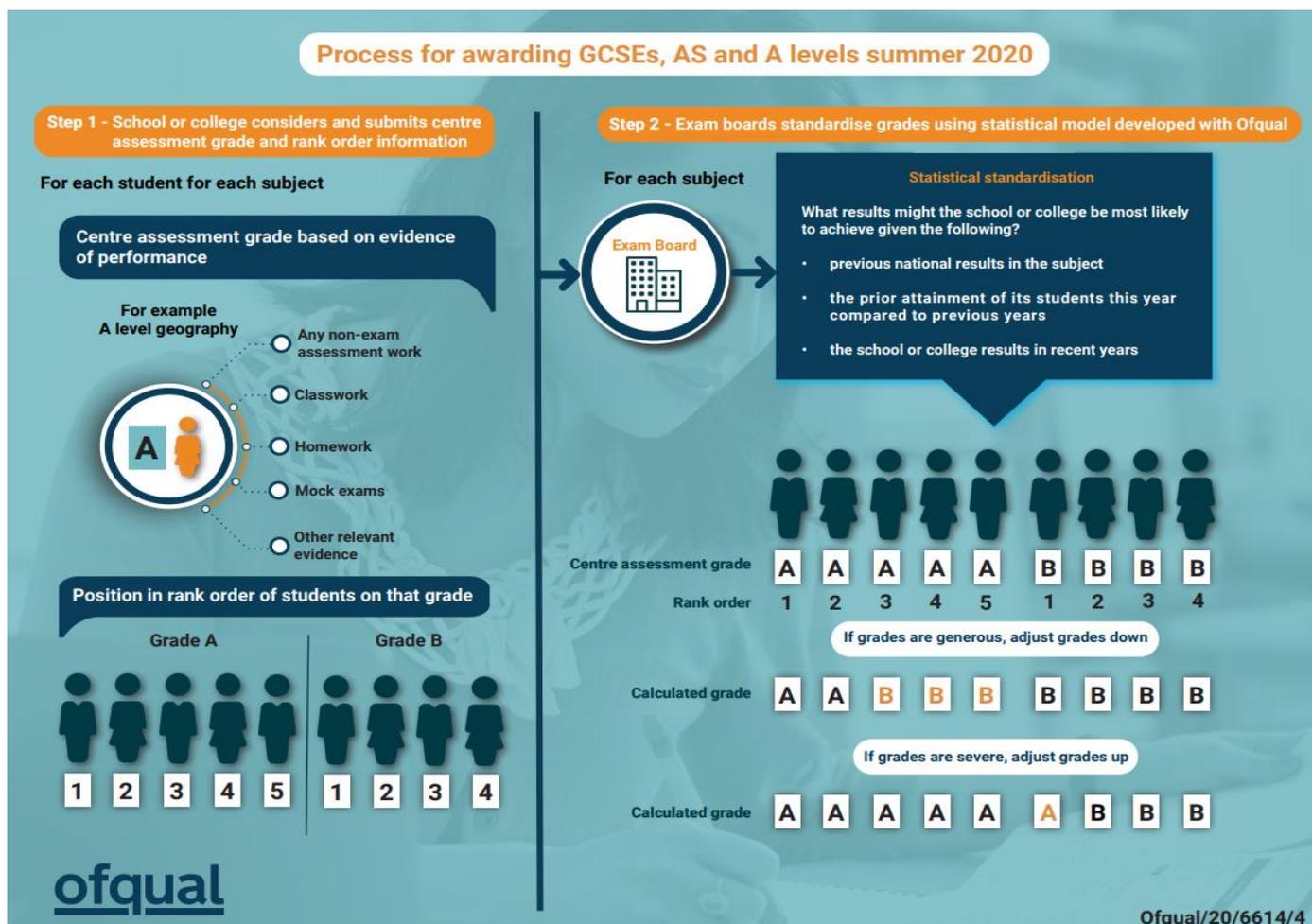
We now know that within each subject, the centre's historical results and the prior attainment of the current students will be used to standardise the centre assessed grades. Subsequently, Ofqual have indicated, when calculating a final GCSE grade for each student in each subject, that the statistical model will place more weight on the school's historical performance within each subject than the centre assessed grades submitted. Whilst the historical performance of our school is very strong it is a source of some disappointment that they have determined that this will be their approach.

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A summary of the process is illustrated below:



## Appeals Process

The usual process of appeal pre-supposes exams and marking have taken place and therefore cannot happen.

Ofqual have therefore confirmed that **students will not be able to challenge or appeal** their calculated GCSE grades.

Students will only be able to lodge appeals – through their school or college - if they believe there has been a procedural or systemic error relating to the calculated grade they have been awarded. The school will confirm to students whether an appeal would be warranted due to an identified procedural or systemic error.

## GCSE Results Day

At this stage we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 students back into school to collect their results in person on Thursday 20 August 2020.

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However, there are certain constraints upon us, because of the situation created by COVID-19, which mean that:

- we cannot give our results to all students at the same time; and
- parents cannot accompany their daughter into the school building.

Students should therefore come to the Main Hall, entering via the fire doors at the back of the hall from the car park, at the following times:

| Surname A-C | Surname D-J | Surname K-Q | Surname R-Z |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 8:00am      | 8:45am      | 9:30am      | 10:15am     |

**Please adhere to the timings as much as possible so that we can ensure social distancing can be maintained.**

Members of the Leadership and Sixth Form team will be on hand to support any student who needs help or advice about their results, Sixth Form or college places.

If you wish to come into school to collect your daughter's results on her behalf, she will need to email our Exams Officer, Mrs Gimber ([fgimber@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fgimber@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk)) to give permission for you to do so. On the afternoon of the 20 August we will email results to any student who has not come into school to collect them. Any student who wishes to have their results emailed to them in this way will need to ensure that Mrs Gimber has a personal email address to which they can be sent, as it is likely that the school email addresses for Year 11 students will not be functioning at this time.

It is worth stating that in the event of a local lockdown affecting our area, we will have to change these plans and results will be issued by email to students.

Following the publication of the results, students will be able to request their centre assessed grades from the school. Students can make their request by email to Mrs Price ([cprice@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cprice@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk)) from Monday 24 August.

### **GCSE Exam Series: November 2020**

JCQ, which represents all the exam boards, have now confirmed that GCSE examinations will go ahead between 2 November and 23 November 2020. This series of exams will allow students to take an exam in any of their subjects in which they wish to try to improve their grade. Further information will be shared about this in due course.

We look forward to welcoming students back into school on 20 August 2020 and, following that, those students who are returning to Rosebery Sixth Form should plan to be in school for their Year 12 Orientation Day on Wednesday 2 September from 8.30am.

Yours sincerely



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