



# **Summer 2020 Results and Appeals process**

## Information for Centre

### Results and Appeals

#### Centre assessment grades and rank orders

Saffron Valley Collegiate:

- will not divulge provisional (centre assessment) grades, nor rank orders, with candidates or parents/carers before the issue of results
- understands that any inappropriate disclosure of centre assessment grades and rank order information before the issue of results will be investigated by awarding bodies as potential malpractice
- the student will need to email and queries, questions or requests ideally using their US0 .306 email account to [stephanie.walters@saffronvalleycollegiate.co.uk](mailto:stephanie.walters@saffronvalleycollegiate.co.uk)

Saffron Valley Collegiate will:

- issue results in accordance with the centre's *Information for Candidates - Results, Appeals and Certificates* document
- signpost candidates (and parents/carers) to information provided by key stakeholders at the time final grades are issued to support their understanding of the grades awarded

#### Arrangements for results day(s)

Saffron Valley Collegiate will:

- organise results day and inform candidates of the arrangements in place for the delivery of their results
- ensure senior members of centre staff are available/accessible to candidates with whom a result/results may be discussed
- prepare information for candidates showing their options if they have concerns about their results
- signpost candidates to relevant Ofqual and/or awarding body information that sets out how their grades were calculated this year and the options available if they believe their result was not properly produced, including access to appeal

#### Arrangements for appeals

Saffron Valley Collegiate will:

- follow information provided by awarding bodies to determine the grounds on which an appeal can be made on behalf of a candidate, or candidates
- make candidates aware of the arrangements in place for appeals prior to the issue of results
- provide candidates with a statement of the arrangements promptly when requested
- seek any information the awarding body holds in relation to how final grades were calculated if there is a concern about any results
- submit an appeal to the awarding body on behalf of a candidate or candidates where it is believed:

- the centre itself made an error when submitting centre assessment grade or rank order information to the awarding body and has supporting evidence that confirms an error was made (and will submit its supporting evidence at the earliest stage and explain why data which the Head of Centre declared to be accurate is now considered incorrect)
- the awarding body made a mistake in the operation of the standardisation model where the wrong data was used to calculate results
- the awarding body made an administrative error in the issuing of results
- collect consent from a candidate before any appeal is submitted to the awarding body.

### **Reference publications**

#### **Ofqual**

[Awarding qualifications in summer 2020](#)

[Decisions on exceptional arrangements for assessment and grading in 2020](#) GCSEs, AS, A levels, Extended Project Qualifications and the Advanced Extension Award in maths

[Decisions on exceptional arrangements for assessment and grading in 2020](#) Vocational, technical and other general qualifications

[Extraordinary regulatory framework: General Qualifications, COVID-19 Conditions and Requirements](#)

[Extraordinary regulatory framework: VTQ, Covid-19 Conditions and Requirements](#)

## Information for Candidates

### Results, Appeals and Certificates

#### Centre assessment grades and rank orders

The Saffron Valley Collegiate has submitted provisional (centre assessment) grades and rank orders to the relevant awarding body in accordance with the Ofqual guidance<sup>1</sup> on *Awarding qualifications in summer 2020* and in line with the awarding body instructions.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>

For the reason of fairness, awarding bodies are putting these grades through a standardisation process to ensure grading standards are consistent across all centres. The rank order of candidates will not be changed but the final grades candidates receive may be different to the centre assessment grade.

#### Final grades

On candidate statements of results (results slips) and certificates, final grades will be reported in the same way as in previous years.

Final grades will be issued on results day(s) in August as follows:

Date	Qualification type
20/08/2020	GCSE and other Level 1/2 qualifications

#### Arrangements for results day(s)

Please see the letter detailing how your provision will issue results to you after 8am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

#### Concerns about your results

At results time, Ofqual will be providing information for students that sets out how their grades were calculated this year and the options available if they believe their result was not properly produced, including access to appeal. The *National Careers Service Exam Results Helpline*<sup>2</sup> offers advice each year for students who have not received the results they had hoped for. Ofqual will also make a helpline available to students and their parents or carers to talk about the appeals process and any other questions they may have about their results this summer.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/careers-helpline-for-teenagers>

Awarding bodies will also likely provide information for students about results. Saffron Valley Collegiate will signpost you to any relevant information at results time.

If you have a concern about a grade you have been awarded, please email [stephanie.walters@saffronvalleycollegiate.co.uk](mailto:stephanie.walters@saffronvalleycollegiate.co.uk) who will

- check whether an error was made when submitting your centre assessment grade and rank order to the awarding body
- raise a complaint with Jennifer Adamson, the Headteacher if you feel you have evidence of bias or that you were discriminated against; you could also pass such evidence on to the awarding body who could investigate for potential malpractice

- seek any information the awarding body holds in relation to how your final grade was calculated
- provide information about the opportunity to take an exam in the autumn series or in summer 2021

## **Arrangements for appeals**

The arrangements for awarding qualifications in summer 2020 state:

Candidates can appeal their grades through their centre if they feel the process this summer was not followed correctly in their case.

### **A candidate can:**

- **ask their centre to appeal on their behalf to an awarding body if there is evidence that leads a candidate to believe:**
  - **the centre made an error when submitting a centre assessment grade or rank order information**
  - **an awarding body made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade**
- **appeal against the centre's decision**
  - **not to seek any information the awarding body holds that would be needed for an appeal; and/or**
  - **not to appeal to the awarding body**

### **A candidate cannot:**

- **appeal against their centre assessment grades and position in the rank order**
- **appeal in respect of the process or procedure used by Saffron Valley Collegiate in calculating their centre assessment grades and position in the rank order**
- **appeal directly in any respect to the awarding body**

## **Certificates**

Certificates, when received from the awarding body, will be issued to candidates. You will receive a letter to your last known home address. If this changes after 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 please contact us so that we can update your address on our database.

## **Internal appeals procedure**

Saffron Valley Collegiate will:

- inform candidates of the arrangements for appeals prior to the issue of results and the accessibility of senior members of centre staff immediately after the publication of results by [insert your centre's process detailing how candidates are informed (for example, by issuing this *Information for candidates – Results, Appeals and Certificates* notice/document)]
- appeal to an awarding body on a candidate's behalf if it believes the centre itself made an error when submitting a centre assessment grade or rank order information or if it believes an awarding body made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade

- ask the candidate to provide consent (informed consent via candidate email is acceptable) before an appeal is submitted to the awarding body as **the appeal could result in the final grade being lower than, higher than, or the same as the grade which was originally awarded**
- only collect consent after the publication of results.
- where relevant, advise an affected candidate to inform any third party (such as a university or college) that an appeal has been submitted to an awarding body

Saffron Valley Collegiate will not:

- seek any information the awarding body holds that would be needed for an appeal if it does not believe an awarding body made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade
- appeal to an awarding body on a candidate's behalf if it does not believe the centre itself made an error when submitting a centre assessment grade or rank order information or if it does not believe an awarding body made a mistake when calculating, assigning or communicating a grade

An internal appeal may be submitted to the centre where a candidate believes there are grounds to appeal against the centre's decision:

- not to seek any information the awarding body holds that would be needed for an appeal
- not to appeal to the awarding body