



## Our Principles

In January 2021 the Government announced that the examination series for summer 2021 GCSE would no longer go ahead as planned. For summer 2021, students in Year 11 will be awarded GCSE Grades through a process of Teacher Assessed Grades or TAG's. The following are the set principles that Bexhill Academy will follow with regard to awarding these grades:

- We will follow all guidance from the DFE, JCQ, Ofqual and exam boards
- Students will be awarded grades using a fair and rigorous process
- We will award grades in a transparent way, sharing our evidence base with students and parents/carers
- Students' grades will reflect the quality and standard of their work over the taught course using the evidence base
- Staff will receive training to award grades using internal and external sources

Full information on the process is available in the following document <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

## The Centre Policy

The Bexhill Academy Centre Policy outlines the specific actions the school will take in administering Teacher Assessed Grades for summer 2021. The policy outlines the following and will be found in the Student section of the website, under Exam Information/Teacher Assessed Grades:

- Outlines the roles and responsibilities of individuals at our centre
- Details what training and support will be provided to centre staff involved with the process
- Confirm the approach to be taken when determining teacher assessed grades, including consideration of evidence and how that evidence informs students' grades
- Detail the internal quality assurance processes that are in place

## The Evidence Base

The Evidence Base selected for each department for each subject can be found in the Student section of the website, under Exam Information/Teacher Assessed Grades, "Bexhill Academy Department Evidence Base 2021" with information from each subject identifying the evidence that was selected for use for each individual subject, to support assessment of grades.

## The Appeals Process

Every year there are some students who are unhappy with the grades they receive and sometimes students choose to appeal. Students choosing to appeal should look in the JCQ Document JCQ Appeals Guidance Summer 2021 for template documents and advise to support the appeals process. Students should be aware that grades can go up or down. This year, JCQ has stated that the grades students receive on appeal will be final – if it is reduced, this is their final grade. There will be a full suite of GCSE exams in the autumn term. If students choose to take these exams instead of appealing, they will receive the highest grade from the exam or the TAG.