

## GCSE EXAMINATIONS SUMMER 2020 – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Dear Learners, Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to you in these unprecedented times, now that Ofqual, the group who oversee the exams process on behalf of the Government, has published the way GCSE exam grades will be decided for this summer. The link below takes you to a comprehensive document from Ofqual which outlines all of the steps we will be taking to ensure that the grade you receive is calculated and moderated fairly and accurately.

[Ofqual Guidance for teachers, students and parents](#)

In brief, all schools and colleges are asked to use their professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade they believe a learner would have achieved had they taken their exams in the normal way this year.

We will consider the full range of available evidence when we grade learners, including:

- Non-exam assessment (including coursework that was completed before Nova closures)
- The results of any homework / on-line assignments and quality of class work completed over the course of your programme
- Any other records of learner performance over the course of study.

Nova Training already uses internal data and the results from mock exams to share regular progress updates with learners, which are discussed at reviews. We are very accurate with our work and the grades we allocate will be moderated and scrutinised by subject leaders and senior leaders at Nova before they are submitted to the exam boards at the end of May.

The exam boards will then analyse and moderate our grades further to ensure that they are realistic and fair, by testing them against:

- Expected national outcomes for this year's students
- The prior attainment of learners at schools and colleges
- Nova's GCSE results in previous years

Although this is a highly unusual situation, we have been reassured that these results will be treated in the same way as any results in any other year and that they will allow the same routes into higher level study, apprenticeships or employment.

We intend on making a submission for you / your child but can not confirm what this grade will be until it has been moderated by the awarding body. If the final grade awarded is below what you had hoped you will still be able to re-take the exam in the following windows: November 2020 or Summer 2021.

At all times we will support your progress and your future career aims and together will ensure you are on the path to success.

Kindest regards,  
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