



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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YEAR 11 EXAMINATION RESULTS 2020

Dear Year 11

We are pleased to inform you that as a result of a review by the government and exam regulator Ofqual, you will receive Centre Assessment Grades or the Calculated Grade, if higher, for each of your examination subjects.

In accordance with the published statutory Ofqual regulations, a Centre Assessment Grade (CAG) was submitted for every student for each examination entry for summer 2020. The regulations were sent to you and your family and were essentially in two stages briefly summarised below. You can read the full detail and guidance of this process on the government website: [Awarding Examinations Summer 2020](#).

Stage 1: Schools were asked to use evidence from a range of sources, for example, assessments and mock examinations to estimate the grades students would have got had the examinations taken place. Your teachers spent a lot of time meticulously following the process, wanting to ensure you were given the grades that you deserved. These resulting Centre Assessment Grades, and student ranking were submitted to the examination boards.

Stage 2: Using a statistical model produced by Ofqual, the examination boards had to moderate and standardise the CAGs. The purpose of this was to prevent schools from being overly generous with their assessment and by ensuring that results were broadly in line with previous years at each school and across the country. Using this statistical model meant that some grades would stay the same or would be moderated up or down

Significant anomalies came to light on A level results day, where a disproportionate number of students results were downgraded calling into question the model and the algorithm used to calculate the centre assessment grades and ranking.

On Monday 17 August, the government and Ofqual acknowledged the flawed model, apologised to all the young people affected and gave the assurance that all Year 13 students would be awarded their Centre Assessment Grades or Calculated Grades, if higher, the same for Year 11.

In our letter to you of 23 July we set out the examinations and appeals process. As a reminder the criteria for appeals is set out below:

- A student will be able to ask the centre (school) to conduct a clerical check to see if the centre made an error when submitting a Centre Assessed Grade.
- A student will be able to complain to the school if they have evidence of bias or that they were discriminated against.
- A centre to appeal to an exam board on the grounds that the exam board used the wrong data when calculating grades, and/or incorrectly communicated the grades calculated.

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You can find further information on our website [Exam Results Day 2020](#) or the DfE website which outlines the appeal arrangements as set out by [Ofqual](#). You can also visit the school website for the [appeals policy](#)

As a result of the pandemic, schools closed and you were not able to sit the examinations that you were working so hard for. However, you will have another opportunity to demonstrate and prove yourself in the next stage of your journey to success, here at St Martin's 6th form, or at another institution of your choice.

When the time is right we will celebrate together, until then, from all the staff at St Martin's, we wish you all the very best for the future.



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