

Awarding A level and BTEC grades Summer 2021

The process of making grade judgements will follow the guidance provided by Ofqual in February.

- Assess students' performance, only on what content has been delivered to them by their teachers, to determine the grade each student should receive.
- Use evidence of a student's performance from throughout the course to inform the grading judgement.
- Determine the grades as late in the academic year as is practicable to enable teaching to continue for as long as possible.
- Use a broad range of evidence across the taught content to determine the grades to determine the grades before submitting the grades to the exam boards.

Explanation of the evidence

Each of the subject Learning Leaders has decided which type of evidence they will be using when making a grade judgement. This is outlined in the tables under each subject heading below with additional information included to provide further context.

An explanation for what each source of evidence comprises is explained below.

Internal assessments April/May 2021 – These assessments will take place across a four-week period in lessons (see assessment schedule spreadsheet)

December 2020 Mock exams – Reflects the performance in the mock exams that were conducted in December 2020. These exams were conducted in highly controlled conditions and in most cases used actual past papers.

Non examined assessments (NEA)/Coursework – This is only relevant to those subjects that have an NEA component as part of the course. A NEA is the coursework element of a subject and is included to assess knowledge and skills that can't be tested in an examination. Students will not be penalised if they have not completed their NEA by the submission date if it is a result of circumstances that are beyond their control.

Current grading from previous assessment reports – This represents the current grades that have been published on assessment reports over the course of study. These grades were based on a significant piece or pieces of work produced at various points of the course.

Other controlled assessments – These are assessments that have been conducted in lessons at various stages of the course and have reflected exam style questions or tasks that have been marked according to exam standards.

Art A-Level Grading process 2021

Biology A-Level grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✗
December 2020 Mocks	✗
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✓
Current grading on previous assessment reports	✗
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✗

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The grade submitted will be based solely on the standard of work displayed in the coursework that is produced.

Biology A-Level Grading process 2021

Biology A-Level grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✗
Current grading on previous assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 60% of the taught Biology content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

Business Studies A level Grading process 2021

Business GCSE **grades** will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✗
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✗
Current grading on previous assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover a variety of topics from all ten units of the taught Business A level content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

Chemistry A-Level Grading process 2021

Chemistry A-Level grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✗
Current grading on previous assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 60% of the taught Chemistry content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

Computer Science A Level Grading process 2021

Grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 75% of the taught Computer Science A Level content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

Drama and theatre studies A-Level Grading process 2021

Drama and theatre studies A-level grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✓
Current grading on previous assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 70% of the taught Drama and theatre studies A-level content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in

these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

The other 30% of the grade will come from the NEA devising component that was completed before Christmas.

English Literature A Level Grading process 2021

English Literature A Level grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✓
Current grading on previous A Level assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments and coursework will cover approximately 70% of the taught English Literature A Level content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments and coursework will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

Further Mathematics A level Grading process 2021

Grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✗
Current grading on previous assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover the topics provided and cover curriculum from both Y12 and Y13 from the listed topics. Mathematics assessment topics will assess all of the assessment objectives set by the examination board, Edexcel. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

History A- Level (Separate) Grading process 2021

History A – Level (Separate) grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✓
Current grading on previous assessment reports	✗
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 50% of the taught History A-Level content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

Geography A Level (Separate) Grading process 2021

Geography A Level (Separate) grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✓
Current grading on previous assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 50% of the taught Geography content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject. In Addition, students' NEA will be marked, regardless of if it is complete and will account for between 10 and 20% of their overall grade.

Mathematics A level Grading process 2021

Grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✗
Current grading on previous assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover the topics provided and cover curriculum form both

Y12 and Y13 from the listed topics. Mathematics assessment topics will assess all of the assessment objectives set by the examination board, Edexcel. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

Media Studies (A Level) Grading process 2021

Media Studies A Level grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✓
Current grading on previous A Level assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 50 % of the taught Media Studies A Level content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

Philosophy A level Grading process 2021

Philosophy grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✗
Current grading on previous A level assessment reports	✗
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

The May/June internal assessments will cover approximately 80% of the content of the A level and all of the assessment objectives. The grade achieved in these assessments will be most significant factor when determining the overall final grade in order to reflect the greater revision, preparation and maturity at the end of the course. However, should there occur any extenuating circumstances in the execution of these assessments, consideration could be given to other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes, which could include the December 2020 mocks.

Physical Education A-Level (Separate) Grading process 2021

Physical Education A-Level (Separate) grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✓
Current grading on previous A-Level assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 60% of the taught PE A-Level content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject. 15% will go towards student's practical grade and 15% will be drawn from the Analysis and Evaluation coursework.

Physics A-Level Grading process 2021

Physics A-Level grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✗
Current grading on previous assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 60% of the taught Physics content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

Psychology A level Grading process 2021

Grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✗
Current grading on previous A level assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✗

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 55% of the taught Psychology A level

content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.

Spanish A level Grading process 2021

Spanish A level grades will be awarded based on the following evidence:

Evidence	✓ or ✗
Internal assessments April/May 2021	✓
December 2020 Mocks	✓
Non-examined assessments/Portfolio coursework	✗
Current grading on previous A level assessment reports	✓
Other controlled assessments marked using exam mark schemes	✓

Teachers will make a holistic judgement of the students' performance when awarding grades. The April/May 2021 internal assessments will cover approximately 100% of the taught A level content and all of the assessment objectives. Consequently, the grade achieved in these assessments will carry a significant weighting in determining the final awarded grades in the subject.