

GCSE and A Levels

The Government has now confirmed that GCSEs and A Levels will be awarded based on estimated grades submitted by teaching staff, which will take into account student performance and progress over the current academic year 2019/20.

In line with the above the College will be asked to send the awarding bodies two pieces of information for each of the students' subjects, based on what the staff know about their work and achievements:

1. the grade they believe the student would most likely get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned.
2. within each subject, the order of students at the college, by performance, for each grade; this information will be used to standardise judgements which will allow fine tuning of the standard applied across the College.

Brooklands teaching staff will be spending the coming weeks completing the above tasks with integrity and careful consideration.

When the staff have made these predictions, they will then be sent off for external verification. It is important to note that teaching staff cannot discuss the grade they have awarded you so students should not ask them for this information.

Please find the link below to students issued by the Government outlining this process.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020/letter-to-students-summer-2020-grading>

Technical & Vocational Qualifications

We are awaiting confirmation of the action to be taken by Ofqual relating to the awarding of grades for all vocational and technical qualifications for the academic year 2020. There is currently an intensive consultation process taking place which

will be closed on Friday 8th May 2020, until this is confirmed we cannot communicate anything further.

As soon as the college receives confirmation of the next steps from each awarding body we will communicate this. For direct information and the guidance from individual awarding bodies please find the links below.

Pearson / Edexcel

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/pearson-covid-19.html>

City & Guilds

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19>

NCFE & Cache

<https://www.ncfe.org.uk/coronavirus-information-and-advice-for-customers-and-learners>

UAL

<https://www.arts.ac.uk/partnerships/ual-awarding-body/stories/ual-awarding-body-covid-19>

OCR

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/news/coronavirus-advice/>

EAL

<https://eal.org.uk/news/2761-communication-to-customers-coronavirus-covid-19>