



John Mason School
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Information for Candidates

Summer 2021 Results, Appeals and Certificates

Teacher Assessed Grades

John Mason School has determined grades in accordance with the JCQ guidance¹ and has submitted these grades to the relevant awarding organisation by the required deadline.

To support your understanding, please refer to Ofqual's *Student guide to awarding: summer 2021*² which tells you how you will get your qualifications in summer 2021 and where you can get more information.

Results

On candidate statements of results (results slips) and certificates, grades will be reported in the same way as in previous years.

Results will be issued on results days in August as follows:

Date	Qualification type
10/08/2021	GCE (AS, A Levels) and other Level 3 qualifications
12/08/2021	GCSE and other Level 1/2 qualifications

Arrangements for results days

A level results will be released to students on Tuesday 10th August 2021 between 8:30am and 10:00am. Students should enter the schools through reception and exit the Main Hall through the side door and courtyard, then leave the school site by the Sixth Form gate.

GCSE results will be released to the year 11 students (and year 12 and 13 resitting students) in the Main Hall between 8:30am and 10:00am. Students should enter the schools through reception and exit the Main Hall through the side door and courtyard, then leave the school site by the Sixth Form gate.

GCSE results will be released to the year 10 students in the Sports Hall between 8:30am and 10:00am. Students should enter the schools site through the side gate and proceed to the Sports Hall then exit through the back door onto the field and leave the school site by the Sixth Form gate.

There are 4 options for collecting exam results

1. **In Person:** Collect examination results in person from the Sport Hall/Main Hall on the day.
2. **Delegate to family or friend:** If students are unable to collect their results in person, they can give a written permission to a delegated person to collect the results on their behalf. This person (parent/carer/friend) will need to bring a photo ID and a letter signed by the student into school with them on the day.
3. **By Post:** All uncollected results will be posted to the student's home address currently held in the school records. If you have recently changed your address, please email your current address to M.Szot-vickers@johnmason.oxon.sch.uk ahead of the results day.
4. **By Email:** All uncollected results will be emailed to the student's school account after 10 o'clock on the results day.

Concerns about your results

When you receive your results, if you think that a grade is wrong, your first step should be to speak to a member of staff present for advice.

Further details of the arrangements for appeals are provided below.

¹ <https://www.jcq.org.uk/summer-2021-arrangements/>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-guide-to-awarding-summer-2021>

Certificates

Certificates, when received from the awarding organisations, will be issued to you by the end of November. John Mason School will contact you with details on how and when they can be collected

The arrangements for appeals

Section 5.4 of JCQ Appeals Guidance Summer 2021 (A guide to appeals processes – Summer 2021) states:

To decide whether to request a review, students will need access to certain information before results day, or on results day, if it has not already been made available to them. This must include:

- a. the centre policy
- b. the sources of evidence used to determine the student's grade, along with the marks/grades associated with them
- c. details of any variations in evidence used based on disruption to what that student was taught
- d. details of any special circumstances that have been considered in determining their grade, e.g. access arrangements/reasonable adjustments or mitigating circumstances such as illness

There are two stages to the appeals process:

- Stage 1 - centre review
- Stage 2 - appeal to the awarding organisation

John Mason School will support its students through the centre review and awarding organisation appeals process.

The information below describes the arrangements in place at John Mason School for conducting a centre review and (where applicable) submitting an appeal to the awarding organisation following a centre review.

Stage 1 – Centre review

- If a student does not consider they have been issued with the correct grade, they can submit a request to John Mason School to check if an administrative or procedural error has occurred by emailing the Mrs Szot-Vickers, the Exams Officer, as M.Szot-vickers@johnmason.oxon.sch.uk
- The Exam Officer will email the student a copy of the interactive *JCQ Student Request Form for Centre Reviews and Appeals* (saved in the candidate's name and candidate number) as an attachment
- On receipt, the student should open the attachment, read the important instructions, fully complete *section A. Student request* of the *Stage one – centre review* form including electronic signature and date. The form should be saved and returned as an email attachment
- The outcome of the centre review may result in the student's grade remaining the **same**, being **lowered** or **raised**
- On completion of the review a member of the SLT will complete *section B. Centre review outcome* of the form and share with the student as a record of the outcome, in sufficient time prior to the relevant appeal to awarding organisation deadline
- If an administrative or procedural error is found, John Mason School will submit a request to the awarding organisation to correct the error and amend the grade without the need to submit an appeal to the awarding organisation

Stage 2 – Appeal to the awarding organisation

- An appeal to the awarding organisation will only be submitted if the first stage, centre review, has been completed and the outcome of the first stage has been issued to the student
- The awarding organisation will not be able to consider an appeal that is based solely on differences of opinion - if the student wants to improve their grade they may want to consider entering for the autumn exam series
- If the student believes there is still an error following the centre review, or if the awarding organisation has made an administrative error, or the student considers that the grade awarded was an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement, the student can submit a request to John Mason school to proceed with an appeal to the awarding organisation on their behalf by emailing the Mrs Szot-Vickers, the Exams Officer, as M.Szot-vickers@johnmason.oxon.sch.uk
- To proceed, the student must complete the *Stage two – appeal to awarding organisation* section of the form, including electronic signature and date. The form should be saved and returned as an email attachment
- John Mason School will then submit the appeal on the student's behalf according to the requirements of the awarding organisation to which it is being submitted
- The awarding organisation will determine the grade at appeal and the outcome will be final
- The outcome of the appeal may result in the grade remaining the **same**, being **lowered** or **raised**
- There is no further opportunity to appeal the outcome to the awarding organisation
- The awarding organisation's appeal outcome letter will be provided by post and/or email to the student by John Mason School as soon as reasonably practical after the outcome letter from the awarding organisation is received in the centre
- Should the student still remain concerned their grade was incorrect, they may be able to apply for a procedural review
- The appeal outcome letter will include the next appropriate steps, where applicable, to apply for a procedural review to the Exam Procedures Review Service (EPRS)

Note - Once a finding has been made **you cannot withdraw your request for a centre review or appeal**. If your grade has been lowered, you will not be able to revert back to the original grade you received on results day. For more information please refer to the Department for Education's blog <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/06/09/exam-appeals-what-can-i-do-if-i-think-my-grade-is-wrong-how-do-i-appeal-what-will-happen-if-i-appeal-your-questions-answered/>

Deadlines to submit a request

Priority appeal³

12 August 2021 (by 10.00am) – deadline for a student to request a Stage 1 - centre review

22 August 2021 – deadline for a student to request a Stage 2 – appeal to awarding organisation

Non-priority appeal

3 September 2021 - deadline for a student to request a Stage 1 - centre review

16 September 2021– deadline for a student to request a Stage 2 – appeal to awarding organisation

³ A priority appeal **is only for** students applying to higher education who did not attain their firm choice (i.e. the offer they accepted as their first choice) and wish to appeal an A level or other Level 3 qualification result. You should inform your intended higher education provider that you have requested a centre review or appeal. You will need to provide in the request form(s) your UCAS personal ID code which is included in all correspondence from UCAS. This is needed to confirm that a student's place is dependent on the outcome of the appeal. Priority appeals that aren't submitted to the awarding organisation by 23 August 2021 will still be treated as a priority but they may not be completed in time for those with a higher education place dependent on the outcome of the appeal.