



Wellsway Multi Academy Trust Centre Assessed Grades Appeals Policy

This policy has been put in place by the trustees of Wellsway Multi Academy Trust in response to the exceptional circumstances affecting this year's GCSE and A Level examinations, resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic and the cancellation of the 2020 summer examinations.

Wellsway Multi Academy Trust is committed to ensuring all schools and staff assess candidates' work fairly, consistently and, where appropriate, in accordance with any awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents. The final grades submitted to the exam boards were subject to a rigorous process of determination and were moderated within each school and across all the post-16 centres in the Trust.

In the context of Centre Assessed Grades, a wide range of candidates' work was assessed by staff who have the appropriate knowledge, understanding and skill, and who have been trained in this activity. In line with the exam regulator Ofqual's guidance, staff took into account the full range of available evidence when they graded students - including non-exam assessment; the results of any homework assignments or mock exams; and any other records of student performance over the course of study. In response to Ofqual guidance on the awarding of Centre Assessed Grades, candidates' work was moderated by departments and was subject to a centre wide and Trust wide standardisation process to ensure consistency.

If a student feels strongly that the grade they have been awarded is wrong they may decide to consider an appeal. If this is the case then there are two grounds under which an appeal can be made:

- Bias and discrimination - where the student has evidence that the centre or a teacher showed bias or discrimination.
- Data error – where the centre made a genuine data error, for example confusing the grades of two students with similar names.

Beyond these two circumstance (bias or error), Ofqual have stated that there will not be an opportunity for students to challenge their centre assessed grade or their position in the centre's rank as there is no common benchmark or standard against which those judgements could be evaluated by a reviewer or appeal decision maker.

Rank order information is not shared with students as it does not affect the Centre Assessed Grade upon which awards are made and potentially discloses information about other students. Any request relating to rank order should be made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) bearing in mind that a key exemption under the FOIA is the avoidance of disclosing third party data.

Any request for information must come from a student themselves. A parent/carer cannot request information without also submitting their son/daughter's written permission to do so.

All students will have the opportunity to access an Autumn Term Examination series should they so wish.

Any changes outlined by Ofqual in this respect will be reflected in an update to this policy.

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