

Policy on releasing Centre Assessed Grades (CAG)

This policy refers to A level and GCSE grades calculated during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, when all formal examinations due to be sat by year 11 and year 13 students, were cancelled.

During the 2020 exam season, Ofqual guidance directed centres to make estimates, through a formal process, of grades and rankings which were checked and moderated. Head Teachers and senior leaders ensured that the grades submitted by their school or college were appropriate and that there is an overall process of control and oversight.

Awarding bodies then put the centre assessed grades through a statistical moderation process to ensure grading standards are consistent across all centres. The final grades received may be different to the centre assessed grade (CAG).

Release of CAGs on request

Students who are concerned about their results and wish to request the release of one or more of their centre assessed grades can do so via the following procedure:

Requests for information relating to your centre assessed grades should be submitted in writing to the Senior Leadership Team using the following dedicated email address: results@turton.uk.com.

Requests for the release of CAGs must be submitted by the student (not their parent) and this should be a formal request to the Head Teacher (Ms Gorse), using the above email address, giving reasons for the request and detailing which subjects are to be included in the disclosure.

The request to release CAGs does not prevent students from being able to access their right to make a Subject Access Request under GDPR for their personal data, including information about ranking (see Privacy policy).

Following a request to release CAGs, a senior leader (Ms Gorse, Mrs Bach, Ms Baily) will respond in writing within 5 working days at the latest. In the letter, the student will be invited to meet with a member of staff to discuss the CAG, the difference to the awarded grade (if there is a difference) and how this may affect their choice of destination and how we can support in this.

Right to appeal against A level/GCSE grades

Students cannot appeal a grade because they don't agree with the CAG submitted by the school. Appeals against a grade can only be submitted by the school because the student thinks there has been an error in the process, not because they don't agree with the grade. Appeals will only be submitted following a meeting with a senior leader. The deadline for appeal is 17th September. Guidance on appeals can be found in the OFQUAL student guide to exams in 2020 and in the school exam policy.

Releasing CAGs to third parties

Where a CAG is disclosed to a student under this policy, they will not be disclosed to their parents or carers unless the student has consented to this. Turton School requires written evidence of student consent before releasing their CAG to any third party, including parents and carers.