

## HARROW HIGH SCHOOL

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**Headteacher:** Mr. Paul Gamble



Dear Parent/Learner,

### **RE : Teacher Assessed Grades 2021**

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all learners and families for their continued support in challenging times. There has been many changes and disruption to education throughout this academic year and you have all shown great resilience throughout. After last Thursday's national announcements regarding summer 2021 teacher assessed grades, I hope to share the process we have decided to take at HHS.

As the BTEC qualifications are vocational, the grades in the coursework units will make up the bulk of the teacher assessed grade. The deadline for students to complete, and submit, any outstanding coursework is Friday 14th May. A smaller proportion of the teacher assessed grade will be based on performance in external units which have already been completed, or assessment related to external units, such as class assessments, and PPE/mocks. BTEC Science students will need to sit an additional written assessment on Unit 5 to take place in late April. BTEC Business will not need to sit any further written assessments, as they were not scheduled to sit any external units this summer.

I attach an infographic from Ofqual which summaries how learners will be graded, including information about results day. Even though the first page talks about A-Level, the principles still apply to the BTEC course. Please note that after Friday 14th May we will move Yr 13 to remote learning on W/B 17/05/21 where we will be providing transitional work. There will be further communication on a final last day of term, results days, and appeals at a later date. If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Yours Sincerely,



Kevin Patel  
Deputy Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form

## How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021

Working out your grade	Evidence	Results and appeals
 Graded by teacher judgement  Not graded by an algorithm  School and college assessments can continue  You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught  Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you  Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded	 Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence  Non-exam assessment should continue  Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete  Art & design grade based only on your portfolio  Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to  Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best	 <b>Results days</b> AS and A level 10 August GCSE 12 August  If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college. <p>You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website</p>  <a href="http://www.gov.uk/ofqual">www.gov.uk/ofqual</a>

## How vocational and technical qualifications will be awarded in 2021

Qualifications most similar to GCSEs and A levels	Qualifications not similar to GCSEs or A levels	Qualifications with occupational skills or proficiency assessments
e.g. BTECs and OCR Cambridge Technicals  Taken only in schools or colleges  Do not assess occupational skills	e.g. Functional skills and ESOL Skills for Life  Taken in schools, colleges or other places  Do not assess occupational skills	e.g. construction, plumbing and electrical qualifications  Taken in schools, colleges or other places  Assess occupational skills
<b>Your results</b>  Graded by teacher or lecturer judgement  Various sources of evidence used  Results no later than for GCSEs and A levels	<b>Your results</b>  Assessments should continue where possible  May be awarded using other evidence or judgements  Awarding organisations decide the evidence needed	<b>Your results</b>  Assessments can continue as normal where possible  Assessments may be delayed  Assessments can be adapted if needed
<p><b>Visit <a href="http://www.gov.uk/ofqual">www.gov.uk/ofqual</a> or search 'Ofqual 2021 qualification explainer tool' for specific details (coming soon)</b></p>		