



Information about 2021 Public Examination Results and Appeals

Qualification results will be released as follows:

GCE A level, GCE AS level, BTEC, EPQ: 10 August 2021 @ 0800 BST

GCSE: 12 August 2021 @ 0800 BST

Results will be sent to students' DLD email addresses (@dld.org)

Everyone at DLD College London hopes very much that the results you receive will allow you to progress to the next stage of your chosen pathway.

You will be aware that, because exams have been cancelled in the UK, the exam boards have been implementing a system that awards qualification grades based on Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). This has involved our teachers making careful and reasonable judgements, using a range of evidence, to allocate an appropriate grade for each subject that you have been entered for. These grades have been through a stringent internal quality assurance process and have now been approved by the Principal and submitted to the various exam boards. We are not allowed to tell you the grades at this stage.

Throughout the whole process, DLD College London has carefully followed the procedures laid down by the exam boards.

The grades that DLD College London have submitted will undergo a second, external, quality assurance process conducted by the exam boards.

If you are not happy with your grades on Results Day, your Director of Studies (DoS) and our Head of Universities & Careers (Dr Daniel Woodley) will be available to offer you support and guidance. If you have not met your university entrance requirements, your first step should be to check with your chosen university if they will still accept you with your grades.

One option open to you will be to appeal your grades. **If you choose to do this, you should be aware that an appeal can result in your grade going down as well as up, and it might well stay the same.** You will be asked to sign a declaration saying that you understand this risk.

Appeals will be in two stages. The first stage (stage one) will be conducted by DLD College London and will involve a check on the various stages of the process to see that everything has been carried out correctly. It will include:

- A verification that the College completed the first two stages of the external quality assurance process;
- A check to see if the qualification evidence was requested by the exam board and whether or not your own work was included in the sampling process;
- A check that the grades were initially signed off by two appropriate persons;

- A check that you were told by your teacher which items of evidence were used in deciding your grade;
- A verification that the grades were evaluated against historical results profiles and individual performance data;
- A check that the grade submitted by the teacher is the same as the grade submitted to the exam board, in case there has been a transmission error;
- A check that the grade issued by the exam board was the same as the grade submitted by DLD College London in case there has been any transmission error;
- A check that any appropriate access arrangements were in place for any timed assessments;
- A check that any mitigating circumstances that occurred at the time of the assessment were considered;
- Other checks may be carried out if the above checks lead to any doubt about the accuracy of the grade.

DLD College London will aim to complete this stage of the appeal within 3 working days of receipt of the application form. You will receive a written report by email.

If you are not content with the outcome of the stage one appeal, you may move to stage two. You will be asked to complete a form requesting a stage two appeal and, again, be asked to declare that you know and understand the risk that your grade might go down. DLD College London will initiate the stage two appeal with the relevant exam board upon receipt of this form. You can request a stage two appeal on two grounds:

- That the exam board or DLD College London made a procedural error – you will need to explain what you think went wrong;
- That DLD College London made an unreasonable academic judgment either in the selection of the evidence that was used or in the determination of your grade.

The exam board will ask an independent reviewer to decide if DLD College London has made a reasonable academic judgment and/or, if it has followed procedures correctly.

Appeals can be given priority status if a place at university depends upon the outcome. You will need to make this clear on your application form and include your UCAS number so that the exam board can determine the status of your appeal.

Requests for stage one appeals should be submitted to DLD College London as soon as possible after consulting with your DoS by emailing the College's Exams Officer, Bryan Whittaker bryan.whittaker@dld.org. Priority applications for stage two appeal must be submitted by 22 August 2021, and other appeals must be submitted by 16 September 2021.

Exam boards will be operating a complete set of GCE and GCSE exams in the autumn. You will have the opportunity to enter these exams to improve your grade should that be necessary. DLD College London hopes that this will not be necessary but stands ready to help you should you want.

Good luck on Results Day, and enjoy your summer – you deserve it!

Bryan Whittaker
Exams Officer
18 June 2021