



St Joseph's College Centre Policy for Assessed Grades Summer 2021

Centre Name: **St Joseph's College**

Centre Number: **30555**

Head of centre: **Ms. Melissa Roberts**

Statement of intent

This section outlines the purpose of this document in relation to our centre.

Statement of Intent

This section provides details of the purpose of this document, as appropriate to our centre:

The purpose of this policy is:

- *To ensure that teacher assessed grades are determined fairly, consistently, free from bias and effectively within and across departments.*
- *To ensure the operation of effective processes with clear guidelines and support for staff.*
- *To ensure that all staff involved in the processes clearly understand their roles and responsibilities.*
- *To support teachers to take evidence-based decisions in line with Joint Council for Qualifications guidance.*
- *To ensure consideration of historical centre data in the process, and the appropriate decision making, in respect of teacher assessed grades.*
- *To support a high standard of internal quality assurance in the allocation of teacher assessed grades.*
- *To support our centre in meeting its obligations to groups with protected characteristics and in relation to equality legislation.*
- *To ensure our centre meets all requirements set out by the Department of Education, Ofqual, the Joint Council for Qualifications and awarding organisations for Summer 2021 qualifications.*
- *To ensure the process for communicating to candidates and their parents/carers how they will be assessed is clear, in order to give confidence.*



Roles and responsibilities

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the personnel in our centre who have specific roles and responsibilities in the process of determining teacher assessed grades this year.

Roles and Responsibilities

This section gives details of the roles and responsibilities within our centre:

Head of Centre

- *Our Head of Centre, Ms. Melissa Roberts, will be responsible for approving our policy for determining teacher assessed grades.*
- *Our Head of Centre has overall responsibility for St Joseph's College as an examinations centre and will ensure that clear roles and responsibilities of all staff are defined.*
- *Our Head of Centre will confirm that teacher assessed grade decisions represent the academic judgement made by teachers and that the checks in place ensure these align with the guidance on standards provided by awarding organisations.*
- *Our Head of Centre will ensure a robust internal quality assurance process has been produced (SJC quality assurance process document) and signed-off in advance of results being submitted.*

Senior Leadership Team

Our Senior Leadership Team will:

- *provide training, support and guidance to our teaching and support staff.*
- *support the Head of Centre in the quality assurance of the final teacher assessed grades.*
- *ensure an effective approach within and across departments.*
- *authenticate the preliminary outcome from single teacher subjects alongside a specialist from another centre.*
- *be responsible for ensuring staff have a clear understanding of the internal and external quality assurance processes and their role within it.*
- *ensure all staff conduct assessments under the appropriate levels of control with reference to guidance provided by the Joint Council for Qualifications.*
- *ensure teachers have the information required to make accurate and fair judgments.*
- *ensure that a subject leader checklist is completed for each qualification that they are submitting.*
- *ensure that all grades have been signed off for each qualification by two subject experts.*
- *ensure that the data collected is held securely and that all related spreadsheets are password protected.*

Subject Leaders

Our Subject Leaders will:

- *provide training, support and guidance to our teaching and support staff.*
- *ensure an effective approach within departments.*
- *be responsible for ensuring staff have a clear understanding of the internal quality assurance processes and their role within it.*



- *ensure that all teachers within their department make consistent judgements about student evidence in deriving a grade.*
- *ensure all staff conduct assessments under the appropriate levels of control with reference to guidance provided by the Joint Council for Qualifications.*
- *ensure teachers have the information required to make accurate and fair judgments.*
- *produce an Assessment Record for each subject cohort, that includes the nature of the assessment evidence being used, the level of control for assessments considered, and any other evidence that explains the determination of the final teacher assessed grades. Any necessary variations for individual students will also be recorded.*
- *where there is likely to be a significant divergence in grades compared to previous years, subject leaders will prepare a short rationale document in conjunction with SLT and the Head of Centre.*

Teachers

Our teachers will:

- *ensure they conduct assessments under our centre's appropriate levels of control.*
- *ensure they have sufficient evidence, in line with this Centre Policy and guidance from the Joint Council for Qualifications, to provide teacher assessed grades for each student they have entered for a qualification.*
- *ensure that the teacher assessed grade they assign to each student is a fair, valid and reliable reflection of the assessed evidence available for each student.*
- *make judgements based on what each student has been taught and what they have been assessed on, as outlined in the section on grading in the main JCQ guidance.*
- *assist the subject leader in the production of an Assessment Record for each subject cohort, that includes the nature of the assessment evidence being used, the level of control for assessments considered, and any other evidence that explains the determination of the final teacher assessed grades. Any necessary variations for individual students will also be recorded.*
- *securely store and be able to retrieve sufficient evidence to justify their decisions.*
- *make sure that students sign appropriate verification documents.*

SENDCo

Our SENDCo will:

- *ensure that all students with SEND access arrangements have personalised, pre-agreed provision across all assessment windows.*
- *ensure that appropriate evidence is in place to support these access arrangements.*

Data Officer

Our data officer will:

- *ensure that teachers, subject leaders and the Senior Leadership Team are supported in the proper input and collation of data relating to year 11 and year 13 assessments.*
- *ensure that the data collected is held securely and that all related spreadsheets are password protected.*
- *Ensure that backup copies of departmental spreadsheets are held separately to further*



protect from cyber threat.

- *liaise with the Examinations Officer and assist with grade submission.*

Examinations Officer

Our Examinations Officer will:

- *be responsible for the uploading of all JCQ and exam boards documentation.*
- *input final teacher assessed grades to the examination boards at both GCSE and A Level.*
- *manage both the urgent and standard post-results services.*



Training, support and guidance

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the training, support and guidance that our centre will provide to those determining teacher assessed grades this year.

Training

This section provides details of the approach our centre will take to *training, support and guidance in determining teacher assessed grades this year*

- *teachers involved in determining grades in our centre will attend any centre-based training to help achieve consistency and fairness to all students.*
- *teachers will engage fully with all training and support that has been provided by the Joint Council for Qualifications and the awarding organisations.*
- *SLT will meet frequently to ensure that clarity is established in school regarding JCQ and exam board guidance.*
- *subject leaders will meet together regularly to be updated and given the necessary training on school expectations and share good practice.*
- *CPD on unconscious bias will be shared with all staff involved in generating TAGs.*
- *exams officer to ensure that all appropriate training is undertaken across all awarding bodies.*

Support for Newly Qualified Teachers and teachers less familiar with assessment

This section provides details of our approach to *training, support and guidance for newly qualified teachers and teachers less familiar with assessment*

NB – there is only one NQT on the college staff

- *we will provide mentoring from experienced teachers to our NQT and teachers less familiar with assessment.*
- *we will put in place additional internal reviews of teacher assessed grades for our NQT and other teachers as appropriate.*



Use of appropriate evidence

This section of our Centre Policy indicates how our centre will give due regard to the section in the JCQ guidance entitled: *Guidance on grading for teachers*.

A. Use of evidence

This section gives details in relation to our use of evidence.

We will use a broad range of evidence to determine grades (some of which will be taken from across the duration of the course), including, but not limited to, the following:

- where appropriate, we will be using student work produced in response to assessment materials provided by our awarding organisation(s), including groups of questions, past papers or similar materials such as practice or sample papers.*
 - we may use non-exam assessment work (often referred to as coursework), even if this has not been fully completed.*
 - we may use student work produced in centre-devised tasks that reflect the specification, that follow the same format as awarding organisation materials, and have been marked in a way that reflects awarding organisation mark schemes.*
 - we may use substantial class or homework (where appropriate including work that took place during remote learning).*
 - we may use internal tests taken by pupils.*
 - we may use mock exams taken over the course of study.*
 - we will use records of a student’s capability and performance over the course of study in performance-based subjects such as music, drama and PE.*
- we will ensure that there is broad coverage of specification content in assessment baskets and, as far as possible, all assessment objectives will be met.*
 - where candidates have been offered optionality, this will be made evident in the assessment materials.*
 - teachers making judgements will have regard to the Ofqual Head of Centre guidance on recommended evidence, and further guidance provided by awarding organisations.*
 - we will use assessment materials, including additional assessment materials where appropriate, to support consistency of judgement between teachers or classes by giving everyone the same task to complete.*
 - all candidate evidence produced after 24 March 2021 and used to determine teacher assessed grades, and associated documentation, will be retained and made available for the purposes of external quality assurance and appeals.*
 - for evidence produced before 24 March 2021 and used to determine teacher assessed grades, copies of mark records, questions and mark schemes (where appropriate) will be retained and made available for the purposes of external quality assurance and appeals.*
 - Additional Assessment Materials may be used where appropriate, to give students the opportunity to show what they know, understand or can do in an area of content that has been taught but not yet assessed.*
 - we will combine and/or remove elements of questions where, for example, a multi-part question includes a part which focuses on an element of the specification that hasn’t been taught.*



Our centre will ensure the appropriateness of evidence and balance of evidence in arriving at grades in the following ways:

- *we will consider the level of control under which an assessment was completed, for example, whether the evidence was produced under high control and under supervision or at home.*
- *we will ensure that we are able to authenticate the work as the student's own, especially where that work was not completed within the school or college.*
- *we will consider the limitations of assessing a student's performance when using assessments that have been completed more than once, or drafted and redrafted, where this is not a skill being assessed.*
- *we will consider the specification and assessment objective coverage of the assessment.*
- *we will consider the depth and breadth of knowledge, understanding and skills assessed, especially higher order skills within individual assessments.*



Determining teacher assessed grades

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach our centre will take to awarding teacher assessed grades.

Awarding teacher assessed grades based on evidence

We give details here of our centre's approach to awarding teacher assessed grades.

- *our teachers will determine grades based on evidence which is commensurate with the standard at which a student is performing, i.e. their demonstrated knowledge, understanding and skills across the content of the course they have been taught.*
- *our teachers will record how the evidence was used to arrive at a fair and objective grade, which is free from bias. Departments with more than one teacher will conduct this process collaboratively.*
- *our teachers will produce an Assessment Record (department-specific spreadsheets will be held on the staff area and gradually uploaded to SIMS) for each subject cohort and will share this with their subject leader. Any necessary variations for individual students will be documented and shared.*



Internal quality assurance

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach our centre will take to ensure internal standardisation of teacher assessed grades, to ensure consistency, fairness and objectivity of decisions.

Head of Centre Internal Quality Assurance and Declaration

Internal quality assurance

This section gives details of our approach to internal standardisation, within and across subject departments.

- *we will ensure that all teachers involved in deriving teacher assessed grades read and understand this Centre Policy document.*
- *in subjects where there is more than one teacher and/or class in the department, we will ensure that our centre carries out an internal standardisation process.*
- *we will ensure that all teachers are provided with training and support to ensure they take a consistent approach to:*
 - *arriving at teacher assessed grades*
 - *marking of evidence*
 - *reaching a holistic grading decision*
 - *applying the use of grading support and documentation from the relevant examination boards*
- *we will conduct internal moderation and standardisation across all grades, both at department and at candidate level where appropriate.*
- *we will ensure that the Assessment Record will form the basis of internal standardisation and discussions within departments to agree the awarding of teacher assessed grades.*
- *where necessary, we will review and reflect on individual grading decisions to ensure alignment with the standards as outlined by our awarding organisation(s).*
- *where appropriate, we will amend individual grade decisions to ensure alignment with the standards as outlined by our awarding organisation(s).*
- *where there is only one teacher involved in marking assessments and determining grades, then the output of this activity will be reviewed by an appropriate member of staff within the centre and moderation will take place with a specialist from another school.*
 - *This will be only in the case of Drama/Theatre studies. The appropriate member of staff will be Charlotte Slattery (line manager of drama/teacher of English/Deputy Headteacher)*
- *in respect of equality legislation, we will consider the range of evidence for students of different protected characteristics that are included in our internal standardisation.*
- *where appropriate, subject leaders have been encouraged to engage with their subject networks and undertake cross-centre moderation.*
- *blind marking is also a method which we have encouraged.*



Comparison of teacher assessed grades to results for previous cohorts

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach we will take to compare our teacher assessed grades in 2021 with results from previous cohorts.

Comparison of Teacher Assessed Grades to results for previous cohorts

This section gives details of our internal process to ensure a comparison of teacher assessed grades at qualification level to results for previous cohorts in our centre taking the same qualification.

- *we will compile information on the grades awarded to our students in past June series in which exams took place (2017 - 2019).*
- *we will use the FFT results service to analyse our prior attainment data at GCSE and we will use ALPS at both GCSE and A level.*
- *we will consider the size of our cohort from year to year.*
- *we will consider the stability of our centre's overall grade outcomes from year to year.*
- *we will consider both subject and centre level variation in our outcomes during the internal quality assurance process.*
- *we will prepare a succinct narrative on the outcomes of the review against historic data which, in the event of significant divergence from the qualifications-levels profiles attained in previous examined years, which address the reasons for this divergence. This commentary will be available for subsequent review during the QA process. Trilogy Science GCSE is the most notable and expected variation from previous years.*

This section gives details of the approach our centre will follow if our initial teacher assessed grades for a qualification are viewed as overly lenient or harsh compared to results in previous years.

- *we will compile historical data giving appropriate regard to potential mixtures of A*-G and 9-1 grades in GCSEs. Where required, we will use the Ofqual guidance to convert legacy grades into the new 9 to 1 scale.*
- *we will bring together other data sources that will help to quality assure the grades we intend to award in 2021 (ALPS at GCSE and A level and FFT at GCSE)*

This section gives details of changes in our cohorts that need to be reflected in our comparisons.

- *we will omit subjects that we no longer offer from the historical data.*
- *GCSE Science 2018 - 57% of the cohort sat Separate Science GCSEs (physics, chemistry, biology) 43% sat GCSE Trilogy Science.*
- *GCSE Science 2019 - full cohort sat Separate Science GCSEs (physics, chemistry, biology). There were no entries for GCSE Trilogy Science.*
- *GCSE 2020 - 38% sat Separate Science GCSEs (physics, chemistry, biology) 62% GCSE Trilogy Science.*
- *GCSE 2021 – 98.5% are sitting GCSE Trilogy Science with only 1.5% sitting Separate Sciences.*



Access Arrangements and Special Considerations

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the approach our centre will take to provide students with appropriate access arrangements and take into account mitigating circumstances in particular instances.

Reasonable adjustments and mitigating circumstances (special consideration)

This section gives details of our approach to access arrangements and mitigating circumstances (special consideration).

- *where students have agreed access arrangements or reasonable adjustments (for example a reader or scribe) ratified by the SENDCo, we will ensure that these arrangements are in place when assessments are being taken in the four assessment windows (including for private candidates).*
- *where a candidate has chosen not to use the arrangement, the assessment will still be included within the basket of evidence.*
- *where illness or other personal circumstances might have affected performance in assessments used in determining a student's standard of performance, we will take account of this when making judgements.*
- *we will record, as part of the Assessment Record, how we have incorporated any necessary variations to take account of the impact of illness or personal circumstances on the performance of individual students in assessments.*
- *to ensure consistency in the application of Special Consideration, we will ensure all teachers have read and understood the document: [JCQ – A guide to the special consideration process, with effect from 1 September 2020](#)*



Addressing disruption/differential lost learning (DLL)

B. Addressing Disruption/Differentiated Lost Learning (DLL)

This section gives details of our approach to address disruption or differentiated lost teaching.

- *teachers have been given the attendance information for all candidates.*
- *teacher assessed grades will be determined based on evidence of the content that has been taught and assessed for each student.*
- *any student that missed an assessment window will be given the chance to sit the paper, or an equivalent paper, in controlled conditions.*



Objectivity

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the arrangements in place to ensure objectivity of decisions.

Objectivity

This section gives a summary of the arrangements in place within our centre in relation to objectivity.

Staff will fulfil their duties and responsibilities in relation to relevant equality and disability legislation.

Senior Leaders, Subject Leaders and the Centre will consider:

- *sources of unfairness and bias (situations/contexts, difficulty, presentation and format, language, conditions for assessment, marker preconceptions)*
- *how to minimise bias in questions and marking and hidden forms of bias*
- *bias in teacher assessed grades.*
- *conflicts of interest and ensure that they are monitored at SLT level (e.g. where there are year 11 or 13 students with parents working within school).*

To ensure objectivity, all staff involved in determining teacher assessed grades will be made aware that:

- *the evidence presented should be valued for its own merit as an indication of performance and attainment.*
- *teacher assessed grades should not be influenced by candidates' positive or challenging personal circumstances, character, behaviour, appearance, socio-economic background, or protected characteristics.*
- *unconscious bias can skew judgements and is more likely to occur when quick opinions are formed.*

Our internal standardisation process will help to ensure that there are different perspectives to the quality assurance process.



Recording decisions and retention of evidence and data

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our arrangements to recording decisions and to retaining evidence and data.

C. Recording Decisions and Retention of Evidence and Data

This section outlines our approach to recording decisions and retaining evidence and data.

- *we will ensure that teachers and subject leaders maintain records that show how the teacher assessed grades process operated, including the rationale for decisions in relation to individual marks/grades.*
- *we will ensure that evidence is maintained across a variety of tasks to develop a holistic view of each student's demonstrated knowledge, understanding and skills in the areas of content taught.*
- *we will put in place recording requirements for the various stages of the process to ensure the accurate and secure retention of the evidence used to make decisions.*
- *we will comply with our obligations regarding data protection legislation.*
- *we will ensure that the grades accurately reflect the evidence submitted.*
- *we will ensure that evidence is retained electronically or on paper in a secure centre-based system that can be readily shared with our awarding organisation(s).*
- *we will protect the school against any potential cyber threat by creating secure backup copies of assessment data.*



Authenticating evidence

D. Authenticating evidence

This section of our Centre Policy details the mechanisms in place to ensure that teachers are confident in the authenticity of evidence, and the process for dealing with cases where evidence is not thought to be authentic.

- *robust mechanisms will be in place to ensure that teachers are confident that work used as evidence is the students' own and that no inappropriate levels of support have been given to students to complete it, either within the centre or with external tutors. These include:*
 - *assessment windows 1-4 are all in controlled conditions*
 - *the work produced in controlled conditions in assessment windows 1-4 is more heavily weighted*
 - *mock exams were held in controlled conditions*
 - *students will sign off all work verifying its origin*
 - *staff will sign to verify that they have observed work being produced in assessment windows 1-4*
 - *private candidates have had to sit assessments in all 4 assessment windows and in controlled conditions*
- *it is understood that awarding organisations will investigate instances where it appears evidence is not authentic. We will follow all guidance provided by awarding organisations to support these determinations of authenticity.*



Confidentiality, malpractice and conflicts of interest

Confidentiality

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the measures in place to ensure the confidentiality of the grades our centre determines, and to make students aware of the range of evidence on which those grades will be based.

A. Confidentiality

This section details the measures in place in our centre to maintain the confidentiality of grades, while sharing information regarding the range of evidence on which the grades will be based.

- *all staff involved have been made aware of the need to maintain the confidentiality of teacher assessed grades.*
- *all teaching staff have been briefed on the requirement to share details of the range of evidence on which students' grades will be based, while ensuring that details of the final grades remain confidential.*
- *a video about the TAGs process was produced and shared with students and parents. Clarity on the confidentiality of final grades was given.*
- *relevant details from this Policy, including requirements around sharing details of evidence and the confidentiality requirements, have been shared with parent/guardians.*

Malpractice

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the measures in place to prevent malpractice and other breaches of exam regulations, and to deal with such cases if they occur.

B. Malpractice

This section details the measures in place in our centre to prevent malpractice and, where that proves impossible, to handle cases in accordance with awarding organisation requirements.

- *our general centre policies regarding malpractice, maladministration and conflicts of interest have been reviewed to ensure they address the specific challenges of delivery in Summer 2021.*
- *all staff involved have been made aware of these policies, and have received training in them as necessary.*
- *all staff involved have been made aware of the specific types of malpractice which may affect the Summer 2021 series including:*
 - *breaches of internal security;*
 - *deception;*
 - *improper assistance to students;*
 - *failure to appropriately authenticate a student's work;*



- *over direction of students in preparation for common assessments;*
- *allegations that centres submit grades not supported by evidence that they know to be inaccurate;*
- *centres enter students who were not originally intending to certificate a grade in the Summer 2021 series;*
- *failure to engage as requested with awarding organisations during the External Quality Assurance and appeal stages; and*
- *failure to keep appropriate records of decisions made and teacher assessed grades.*

- *the consequences of malpractice or maladministration as published in the JCQ guidance: [JCQ Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures](#) and including the risk of a delay to students receiving their grades, up to, and including, removal of centre status have been outlined to all relevant staff (including grade insecurity for others within a cohort).*

Conflicts of Interest

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the measures in place to address potential conflicts of interest.

C. Conflicts of Interest

This section details our approach to addressing conflicts of interest, and how we will respond to such allegations.

- *to protect the integrity of assessments, all staff involved in the determination of grades must declare any conflict of interest such as relationships with students to our Head of Centre for further consideration.*
- *where there may be potential conflicts of interest in this assessment season (e.g. the children of staff) they will be recorded and Head of Centre will oversee fairness and the checking process.*
- *appropriate awarding body documentation for conflicts of interest will be completed and returned.*
- *our Head of Centre will take appropriate action to manage any conflicts of interest arising with centre staff in accordance with the JCQ documents - [General Regulations for Approved Centres, 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021](#).*
- *we will also carefully consider if there is a need to separate duties and personnel to ensure fairness in later process reviews and appeals.*



Private candidates

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our approach to working with Private Candidates to arrive at appropriate grades.

A. Private Candidates

This section details our approach to providing and quality assuring grades to Private Candidates.

- *private candidates have been expected to access all 4 Assessment windows in line with current students. A grade will be generated using the same approach as for our current students, as far as possible.*
- *where it has been necessary to utilise different approaches, the JCQ Guidance on Private Candidates has been followed and any divergences from our approach for internal candidates have been recorded on the appropriate class/student documentation.*
- *access arrangements for private candidates will be facilitated in all cases.*
- *our arrangements for assessing Private Candidates to arrive at appropriate grades are identical to the approaches utilised for internal candidates.*
- *in undertaking the review of cohort grades in conjunction with our centre results profiles from previous examined years, the grades determined by our centre for Private Candidates have been excluded from our analysis.*

External Quality Assurance

This section of our Centre Policy outlines the arrangements in place to comply with awarding organisation arrangements for External Quality Assurance of teacher assessed grades in a timely and effective way.

A. External Quality Assurance

This section outlines the arrangements we have in place to ensure the relevant documentation and assessment evidence can be provided in a timely manner for the purposes of External Quality Assurance sampling, and that staff can be made available to respond to enquiries.

- *all staff involved have been made aware of the awarding organisation requirements for External Quality Assurance as set out in the JCQ Guidance.*
- *all necessary records of decision-making in relation to determining grades have been properly kept and can be made available for review as required.*
- *all student evidence on which decisions regarding the determination of grades has been retained (from 24th March) and can be made available for review as required.*
- *instances where student evidence used to decide teacher assessed grades is not available, for example where the material has previously been returned to students and cannot now*



be retrieved, will be clearly recorded on the appropriate documentation.

- all staff involved have been briefed on the possibility of interaction with awarding organisations during the different stages of the External Quality Assurance process and can respond promptly and fully to enquiries, including attendance at Virtual Visits should this prove necessary.*
- arrangements are in place to respond fully and promptly to any additional requirements/reviews that may be identified as a result of the External Quality Assurance process.*
- staff have been made aware that a failure to respond fully and effectively to such additional requirements may result in further action by the awarding organisations, including the withholding of results.*

Results

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our approach to the receipt and issue of results to students and the provision of necessary advice and guidance.

A. Results

This section details our approach to the issue of results to students and the provision of advice and guidance.

- all staff involved have been made aware of the specific arrangements for the issue of results in Summer 2021, including the issuing of A/AS and GCSE results in the same week.*
- arrangements will be made to ensure the necessary staffing, including exams office and support staff, to enable the efficient receipt and release of results to our students.*
- arrangements will be in place for the provision of all necessary advice, guidance and support, including pastoral support, to students on receipt of their results.*
- such guidance will include advice on the appeals process in place in 2021 (see below).*
- appropriate staff will be available to respond promptly to any requests for information from awarding organisations, for example regarding missing or incomplete results, to enable such issues to be swiftly resolved.*
- a designated email address will be used for the specific purposes of review enquiries and appeals.*
- parents/guardians have been made aware of arrangements for results days.*
- exam office opening times for post-results services will be made available for students and parents.*



Appeals

This section of our Centre Policy outlines our approach to Appeals, to ensure that they are handled swiftly and effectively, and in line with JCQ requirements.

A. Appeals

This section details our approach to managing appeals, including Centre Reviews, and subsequent appeals to awarding organisations.

- *all staff involved have been made aware of the arrangements for, and the requirements of, appeals in Summer 2021, as set out in the JCQ Guidance.*
- *internal arrangements will be in place for the swift and effective handling of Centre Reviews in compliance with the requirements.*
- *all necessary staff have been briefed on the process for, and timing of, such reviews, and will be available to ensure their prompt and efficient handling.*
- *learners have been appropriately guided as to the necessary stages of appeal.*
- *arrangements will be in place for the timely submission of appeals to awarding organisations, including any priority appeals, for example those on which university places depend.*
- *arrangements will be in place to obtain the written consent of students to the initiation of appeals, and to record their awareness that grades may go down as well as up on appeal.*
- *appropriate information on the appeals process will be provided to parents/carers.*