

Year 11 GCSE and Vocational grade allocation 2020-21

The Government recently confirmed that the summer exam series for 2021 will no longer take place and schools will allocate a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) for each subject a student currently studies. These grades will be verified by the school and a Centre Assessed Grade (CAG) will be sent to the exam boards in preparation for GCSE/Vocational results day.

We would, therefore, like to provide you with some important information regarding the grades students will receive this summer.

What is CAG?

This is a school verified TAG by Senior Leaders which is sent to the exam boards for each subject a year 11 student studies.

What is a TAG?

A TAG reflects the standard a student is performing at upon completion of their programme of study and subsequent assessments in each subject. The grade will reflect what a student knows and can do. It is based on our teacher's understanding of each individual student's abilities.

How will a TAG be calculated for each student in each subject they study?

The school will ensure there is a fair and robust process in place and carried out. All students will complete their full programme of study for each subject, as laid out by exam boards for this academic year. Below is a list of the key information and data evidence that will support the judgements being given:

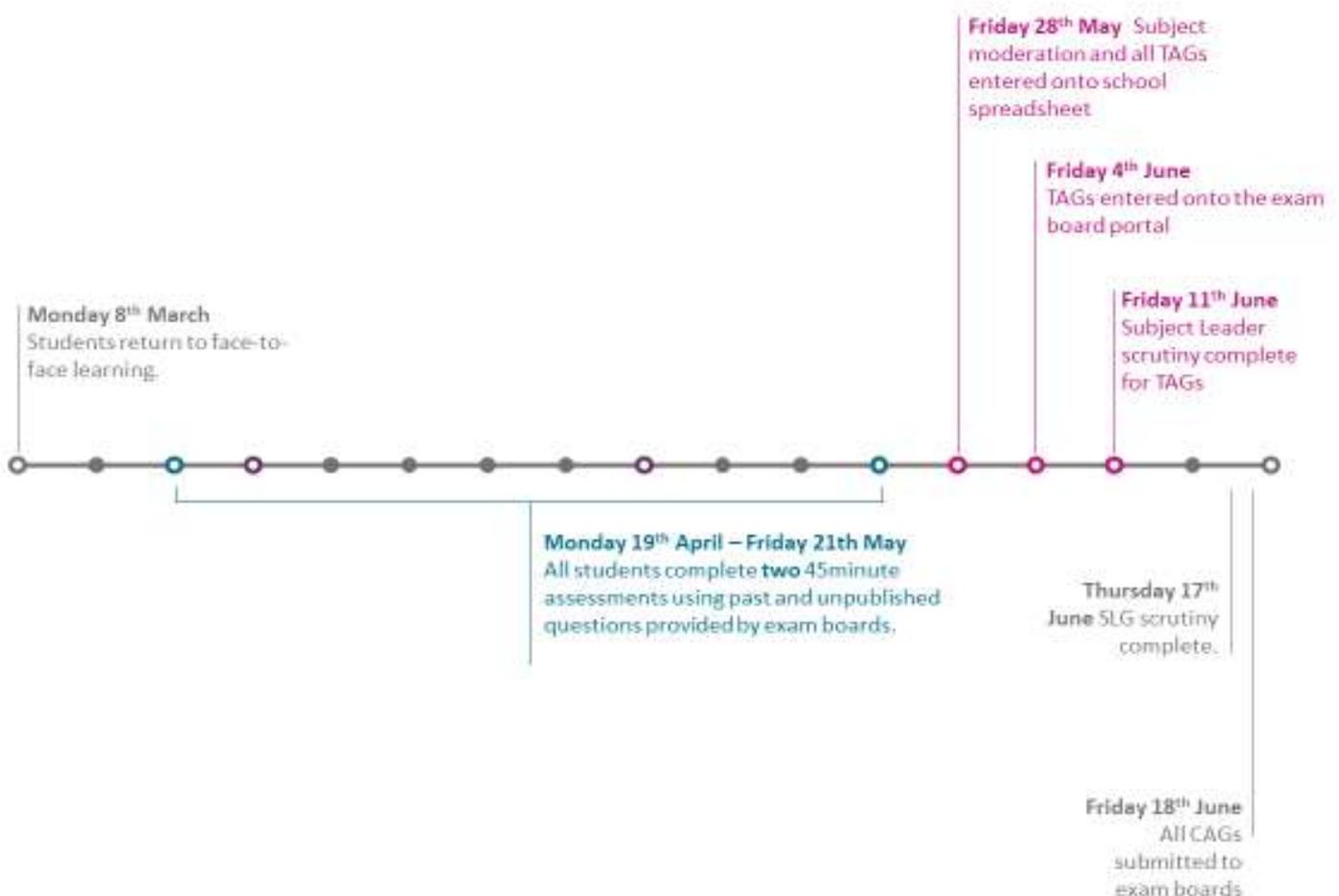
- During their KS4 studies, students have been completing common assessments, for example at the end of a topic.
- All Subject Leaders have identified a minimum of six common assessment grades that have taken place during KS4 (not including those completed during any period of school closure).
- Subject Leaders have planned a minimum of two additional external assessments to take place between April and May using exam board published and unpublished questions.
- The eight assessments, identified above, will have to go through a rigorous moderation process to ensure grades are standardised and consistent across a department.

- Professional judgment will be applied by the teacher using their knowledge of the progress students make towards the end of year 11.
- Using the information above, teachers will enter TAGs by Friday 28th May.

The Senior Team will scrutinise all TAGs and confirm these grades before identifying them as Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs), due to rigor of the process undertaken.

What are the key dates to be aware of through the process?

The timeline below displays the key dates leading to the submission of the CAG grades to the relevant exam boards.



How do you appeal a CAG?

- The Government has decided that the GCSE results day will be on 12 August 2021.
- Students will be able to appeal a CAG following this date, using the guidance below:

- A student who is unhappy with a CAG should first contact **school** to check whether there's been an administrative or procedural error.
- If school finds an error in the CAG submitted, the school will submit a revised grade and a rationale for the exam board. If the exam board are satisfied with the rationale, they will issue a revised grade to the school.
- If school doesn't believe an error had been made, a student can then ask school to submit an appeal to the exam board on their behalf. This will include the evidence on which the judgement had been made; the exam board will then consider whether, in their view, if the grade reflected a reasonable and appropriate exercise of academic judgement. If the exam board feel it didn't, they will determine the grade that the evidence would support.
- Further information on appeals will be provided closer to results day.

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