

ALTERNATIVE AWARDING ARRANGEMENTS 2021

CCEA GCSE, AS AND A LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS



- All GCSE, AS and A Level examinations are cancelled.
- A student's grade in each qualification will be based on their school or college's professional assessment of the evidenced standard at which the student is performing in the content they have covered. These will be known as **Centre Determined Grades**.
- Students will continue with as much of their education as possible during this academic year. It is important that all students continue to engage with their learning.
- Schools and colleges will receive support, guidance and training from CCEA during February to April 2021 to help them to make fair and accurate judgements.
- Teachers will continue to gather a range of evidence of the standard of each student's work during both the current period of remote learning and when students return to school.
- The range of evidence used to inform the Centre Determined Grade may be from any time during the course but must demonstrate knowledge, understanding and skills from areas students have covered within the specification.
- Evidence may include the student's performance in any non-examination assessments (practical exams, controlled assessment or coursework); other class tests and mock examinations or any other work completed (for example practice examination questions or essays).
- Students may take a classroom assessment - the CCEA Assessment Resource – which will be marked by the class teacher to add to the evidence during a specified window in April and May 2021.
- Schools and colleges will submit their initial Centre Determined Grades to CCEA toward the end of May 2021.
- CCEA will carry out an external quality assurance, which will include review of students' work, across all schools and colleges throughout June 2021.
- Results will issue to all students in Northern Ireland no later than 24 August for AS and A Levels and 27 August for GCSEs.
- Students will have the right to appeal to their schools and colleges, and to CCEA.