

APPEALS 2021

STAGE 1 – CENTRE REVIEW

- Stage One of an appeal is a centre review.
- Any student (including a private candidate) may request a centre review and Darrick Wood School must check whether it has:
 - made an **administrative error** such as the wrong grade/mark was recorded against an item of evidence, and/or
 - made a **procedural error** such as a failure to take into account mitigating circumstances.
- A centre review must be completed and an outcome reported to the student before an appeal can be submitted to the awarding organisation.
- The outcome may be that the grade is raised, stays the same or is lowered.

STAGE 2 – AWARDING ORGANISATION APPEAL

- Any student (including a private candidate) may submit a request for a **stage two** appeal after they have received the outcome of their centre review.
- Stage two appeals may be on the grounds:
 - the awarding organisation has made an **administrative error**,
 - the school has made a **procedural error** such as a failure to take into account mitigating circumstances,
 - or that the school made an **unreasonable exercise of academic judgement** in the choice of evidence used to decide the grade and/or in deciding the grade from the evidence used.
- All requests for appeals must be made to the school that determined and submitted the grade, which the school must then submit to the awarding organisation. Awarding organisations will not accept appeals directly from students or parents.
- Where the awarding organisation identifies a **procedural error** or finds **alternative evidence should have been considered**, the findings will be reported to the school and the school will be asked to review the teacher assessed grade.
- Where an **unreasonable exercise of academic judgement** is identified, an independent reviewer will determine the alternative grade.
- The outcome may be that the grade is raised, stays the same or is lowered.

KEY DATES

- Tuesday **10 August** – Results day for AS, A Level, BTEC Nationals, EPQ, and L3 qualifications
- Thursday **12 August** – Results day for GCSE, BTEC L2, Cambridge Nationals and Entry Level

	Priority appeals*	Non-priority appeals
Window for students to request a centre review	Tuesday 10 August - Monday 16 August	From results day to Friday 3 September
Centres conduct centre reviews	Tuesday 10 August - Friday 20 August	From results day to Friday 10 September
Centres submit appeals	Tuesday 10 August - Monday 23 August	From results day to Friday 17 September
*Priority appeals are for students applying to higher education who did not attain the firm choice (i.e. the offer accepted as first choice) and wish to appeal an A Level or other Level 3 qualification result (e.g. BTEC L3). All other cases, including GCSE, are non-priority appeals		