

FAQs
Summer Exams 2020

1) How were my centre assessed grades decided?

A) Your subject teachers decided your Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) and rankings. These grades were then moderated by the Department Heads and finally checked by the Senior Leadership Team. They were signed off by your head teacher before being submitted to the exam boards.

2) What was my ranking and Centre Assessed Grade (CAG)?

A) To find out your CAG for a particular subject, please email the centre's Exam Officer. For the Boys' site, please email Ms Leigh on j.leigh@hasmonean.co.uk. For the Girls' site, please email Ms James on n.james@hasmonean.co.uk. Please include your full name, candidate number and specify which subject(s) you are requesting CAGs for, in your email. Please note that your ranking may not be issued by school because of the risk that this could reveal information about another student. Please refer to the appeals procedure for further details.

3) How did the school calculate my CAG and rank?

A) Various pieces of data were used to calculate your CAG and rank. Your recent mock exams, classwork, homework, coursework and general progress were taken into account. A great effort was taken to ensure that a fair grade is provided for each student in every subject.

4) Can I appeal my CAG and rank?

You can appeal your grades through the centre if you feel the process this summer was not followed correctly in your case.

Please check the Appeals Procedures document for more information.

5) I was told I would get a different grade before results day by my teacher. Why is my result higher/lower?

A) Please email your Exams Officer with all the details of the subject(s) affected and difference in grade. In all cases, the grades provided by the Exam Boards on results day are the final grades, subject to any successful appeals. Exam Boards go through their own statistical standardisation processes which mean that Centre Assessed Grades can be changed by the Exam Board before results are issued as they see fit.

6) Was there a mistake in the calculation of my grade?

A) Please email your Exams Officer if you have any doubts about any grades that you have achieved. Your Exams Officer will check the information submitted to the Exam Board and the Exams Officer can investigate whether there is a mistake by the centre or by the Exam Board.

- 7) Were other students marked down too?
A) The personal data of other students cannot be released without their consent.
- 8) How did the Exam Board decide what grade I should receive?
A) The Exam Boards have their own formulae to standardise student grades. Historical outcomes of the school, centre assessed grades and ranks, as well as prior attainment of each student were taken into account before finalising grades.
- 9) What are my options in terms of resits?
A) The exam boards have agreed that students who were due to take A level and GCSE exams in summer 2020 have the right to resit any of these exams in October/ November 2020. The timetables for this are:-
A Level 5th-23rd October 2020
GCSE 2nd- 23rd November 2020

For further details of the closing dates for entries, fees payable and forms to fill in please check the Exams Results Guidance on the school's website. The exam boards recommend that if you are asking Hasmonean MAT to appeal on your behalf, you should consider entering for a resit too because of the tight deadlines for the autumn series.

- 10) I think Hasmonean may have been biased against me. What should I do?
A) Any centre assessed grades and ranks were checked by your teacher(s), the Head of Department, SLT and your head teacher before being submitted to the exam board. If you are nevertheless concerned about bias, please refer to the appeals procedure on the school's website/ your exams officer for further guidance about what to do.
- 11) Are there any grade boundaries this year?
A) There are no grade boundaries this year.
- 12) What are my coursework marks?
A) Coursework marks could not be released to students before results days. Please email your Exams Officer for any queries and we will establish whether we can now release them.
- 13) What are the fees for appeals/ resits?
A) The fees structure for appeals is complex. Please contact your exams officer for details of any fees you may have to pay. In the event of a successful appeal, any fees paid will be refunded.

The fees for resits differ depending on whether you wish to resit an A level or GCSE and the subject concerned. Full details are given on the form you will need to fill in before

seeking a resit. Fees for resits should be paid via ParentPay

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=1108>

14) How long will it take for an exam board to deal with an appeal this summer?

- A) Initial appeals will be dealt with within 6 weeks. If Hasmorean MAT wishes to appeal the outcome of the initial appeal, a second tier appeal must be submitted within 2 weeks of the initial appeal decision. This second tier appeal will be dealt with independently and also within 6 weeks of receipt by the exam board. If Hasmorean MAT remains concerned that an error still has not been corrected, the final stage of the appeal process is for Hasmorean MAT to contact the Exam Procedures Review Service run by Ofqual.