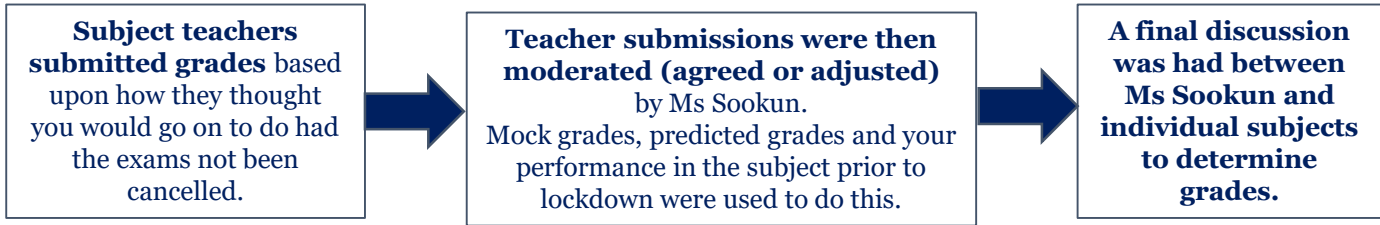


2020 GCSE Grades Explained

How were your grades calculated?



Why did grades go through a moderation process?

- The process of teachers awarding grades to students was new.
- Many teachers awarded grades that represented you reaching your full potential, even if you had not previously been working at this potential.
- At times this resulted in overly generous grades.
- A moderation process involves checking judgements that have been made and adjusting them to prevent extremes.
- One of the key ways of checking grades was to cross reference with predictions,. We do this every year at school and teachers completed predictions after the January mocks.
- We also have data at school from previous years which tells us:
 - if subjects are typically accurate, generous or harsh when making predictions.
 - how students and subjects typically perform.
- The grades submitted by teachers were cross -referenced to ensure they were as accurate as possible.

Why have GCSE and A Level grades been in the news so much?

- On Monday 17 August, the process for awarding grades was changed.
- Schools had to submit grades to exam boards and exam boards carried out a further moderation.
- This process created problems for some students, especially for those who attended schools that had previously had poor exam results. Some students were downgraded significantly and left with uncertain futures.
- Exam boards also upgraded some students.
- On Monday, the government announced that students would receive the teacher awarded grades or the upgraded grade- whichever was highest.

What if you are unhappy with your grades?

- Due to the change in the process, you will not be able to appeal any grades.
- Try not to focus on disappointment; the key is to **focus on your next steps**.
- If you do not have the grades to go to Ark Globe Sixth Form and are unsure what to do, you should speak with Ms Malcolm or another member of staff.
- You will be able to resit all of your GCSEs from **2 to 23 November**. **If you are considering this you must let Ms Sookun know as entries need to be made soon.**
- It is important to know that there will be limited teaching support available for resits.
- The deadline for entries will be **1 September**.



Recognise the
difficulty of this
year.



Focus on your next
steps and securing a
post-16 destination.



If you need higher
grades, consider
entering for resits.