



12th August 2021

Congratulations on your results - CLASS of 2021

Following information enclosed in the pack:

- Covering letter
- GCSE Teacher Assessed Grades

The GCSE grades awarded to you are shown in the **column Grd1** of the table. These are the Teacher Assessed Grades decided in line with JCQ / Ofqual guidance.

We hope that you are pleased with the grades that you have achieved. Your teachers have worked hard to support you through this difficult time and have carefully judged your grades based on the evidence of your performance.

If you are unhappy with the grades that you have been awarded, then you may wish to appeal. An overview of the appeals process is shown overleaf.

You also have the chance to take your GCSE examinations this autumn. If you are considering this option then please speak to your Further Education provider.

You will have received an email on your school email address this morning regarding your intended post-16 plans. Please email it back to **Mrs P. Cliff** (Positive Steps) PaulaCliff@positive-steps.org.uk **no later than 3rd September 2021** with the requested details.

Finally, all staff at **St Thomas More RC College** wish you every success in your future pathway.

Best wishes,

Mr M Smith

Assistant Headteacher



Deciding whether to appeal:

Before submitting an appeal, we would recommend that you contact your Further Education provider / employer to discuss your case. Likewise, Positive Steps are available to offer advice and guidance and may be contacted via PaulaCliff@positive-steps.org.uk

Details of the appeals process for TAGs Summer 2021 may be found overleaf and are available on the college website (<https://www.stmcollege.org.uk/parents/examination-guidance>) and a copy has been already emailed to you on your school email address.

Note: Though students appeal in the hope that their grades will go up, it is also possible for grades to go down.

Information to help you to decide whether to appeal includes:

- The Centre Policy (available on the college website)
- Sources of evidence used to determine your grade (emailed to you in the summer term)
- Details of special circumstances or variations that may apply to you (emailed to you in the summer term)
- JCQ Guidance for Students and Parents <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

Before you decide to appeal we strongly suggest that you read the JCQ guidance to students and parents.

Any appeal request must be **made by the pupil from their STM email account** to Mrs R. Mansoor (Examinations officer) r.mansoor@stmcollege.org.uk **no later than 3rd September 2021**. If you have any queries the please contact Mrs Mansoor on the email above.

Please be aware that College will be closed over Summer and appeals will be processed as soon as we open. Responses to Stage 1 appeals will be dealt with between 1stSeptember to 10th September 2021.