



South Wirral recommended next steps based on current national guidance:

Once you get your results, whether you have attained the graded you need or not, you should contact the university or college directly for confirmation of place. You may find that your place is still offered even without attaining the required grades

If you can still not get into your university or college, you should talk to your school about the possibility of appealing the grade, but this should be a last resort. If an appeal is not possible, you can consider re-sitting the exams in the autumn of 2020 or summer of 2021

For most students, appeals and resits wont be needed as you will be able to progress onto the University, College or Apprenticeship that you wanted.

What is the purpose of this year's appeals process?

Following the cancellation of the summer 2020 exam series for GCSE, GCE AS and A level qualifications, subsequent arrangements were made by the regulators to ensure that as many candidates as possible could receive qualifications based on calculated results. English, Welsh and Northern Irish regulators were instructed to develop an appeals process focusing on the accuracy and application of the data provided, as opposed to challenging teachers' professional judgement on individual students' abilities.

How do I appeal?

Appeals **must** be authorised by the head of centre, on behalf of any candidates for whom data has been provided for the purposes of calculating a grade in a relevant qualification.

On what grounds can I appeal?

An appeal may be submitted if the head of centre considers that:

1. the awarding body did not apply procedures consistently, or procedures were not followed properly and fairly; or
2. the awarding body used the wrong data in calculating results; or
3. the result generated was incorrectly issued by the awarding body to one or more candidates.

In addition, students can appeal their grades through their centre if they feel the process this summer was not followed correctly in their case.

Students can ask their centre to appeal on their behalf to an awarding body if there is evidence that leads a candidate to believe the centre made an error when submitting a centre assessment grade or rank order information

What can students not do

1. appeal against their centre assessment grades and position in the rank order
2. appeal directly to the awarding body in respect of the process or procedure used by South Wirral High School in calculating your centre assessment grades and position in the rank order
3. appeal directly in any respect to the awarding body (unless a private candidate)

Further information

Should you wish to read in any further detail, helpful resources and guidance regarding results, the below link takes you through to expert information:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/your-results-what-next?utm_source=10%20August%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-guide-to-post-16-qualification-results-summer-2020?utm_source=10%20August%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

You can also call the DFE exam results helpline on 0800 100 900

Certificates

Certificates, when received from the awarding body, will be issued to candidates in November 2020.