



## SUMMER EXAMINATION RESULTS 2020



As you are aware, the Summer 2020 examinations were cancelled due to the global pandemic. The examination boards in the UK decided to award students their final grades based on the school's recommendations. These recommendations were sent to the UK in March 2020.

At Rashid School, we are very confident that the grades your son has been awarded are accurate and represent the grade he would have achieved had he been able to sit his examinations in the traditional manner. We believe that the vast majority of students will be very pleased with their results, but of course there may be those that do not wholly agree with some of their grades. We therefore feel it is important for you to understand the process we went through to arrive at our final decisions.

### STEP 1

All subject teachers gathered evidence on your son's performance during his Y11 courses. This evidence included:

- The CAT4 scores that we use to determine your sons MAG
- His performance in the mock examinations in January
- His performances in internal tests during the year
- The standard of any coursework he completed
- His effort and attitude in both lessons and homework
- His effort during distance learning



### STEP 2

The evidence for all students in the subject was put onto a spreadsheet. We then removed the student names and all teachers of that subject discussed the evidence to predict a preliminary grade, solely on what the data indicated. By removing the student names, teachers could not be biased positively or negatively against any individual.



### STEP 3

We then put the names back into the spreadsheet, and looked to see if the grades suggested by the data accurately reflected what we know about your son. Very long discussions within departments followed, which eventually lead to an agreement as to the final grade subject teachers wanted to award each student.



### STEP 4

Your son was then compared to ex-students who had approximately the same ability. We wanted to make sure your son's grades were similar to the ones former students had achieved.



### STEP 5

Once the subject leaders were convinced their predictions were accurate, the subject grades were then submitted to the Head of Assessment. The predicted results were then compared with the results that RSB students had achieved in that subject during the previous 5 years.



### STEP 6

Once all the grades were in, your son's grades were compared with each other, to show there was consistency across all subjects. It is unusual for a student to achieve an A in one subject and an E in another. We had to make sure his predicted grades were consistent.



### STEP 7

The Head of Assessment then put all the grades together from all subjects to make sure that our overall grades followed the historic trend of RSB examination results. We had to see that the results from the Class of 2020 weren't too high or too low and that the results overall reflected the usual standards of RSB, yet still considered the outcome for each individual.



### STEP 8

Each Head of Department then met with the Head of Assessment to talk about individual grades. The Head of Department had to justify the marks awarded and explain any anomalies. Once these conversations were over, the subject grades were confirmed.



### STEP 9

The Head of Assessment and the Head of Secondary then agreed that the RSB Class of 2020 predicted marks were as accurate as they could possibly be, and submitted the grades to the Exam Boards.

Over the summer, the Exam Boards used a complicated algorithm to determine whether the steps we had taken had produced a true reflection of Rashid School. On 20 August, the results were made available to us and we are pleased to say that of the 263 grades awarded, only 3 were changed by the Examination Boards and happily, these 3 grades were all higher than what we had predicted.

We do hope that this helps you to understand that your son's grades are a true reflection of his abilities. It is understandable that there may still be one or two grades that are a disappointment, and if that is the case, we can discuss the possibility of your son being given the opportunity to improve his grade should he so wish. The best way to do this would be to sit an exam paper in the Main Hall at some point during the new academic year, COVID allowing.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate your son on his achievements and wish him every success with his future education.