

Year 11/13/12 Further Maths students

Dear Parent / Carer

Evidence Sheet for GCSE / A Level Grading - Summer 2021

You will be sent through the AIM platform at the end of school today, a list of the titles of the pieces of evidence that have been used in the holistic grading process for each of your child's subjects.

The evidence list will include the Term 5 assessments which were sat in the formal assessment window, coursework (where relevant) and any 'other evidence' which is being considered by teachers when determining the final grade. 'Other evidence' must meet strict Examination Board qualifying criteria and therefore the range of 'other evidence' used will vary from subject to subject. In line with JCQ expectations, the evidence used in an individual subject must be consistent for each student across the subject cohort other than in exceptional individual circumstances (students in this exceptional category will be individually notified).

Parents and students are reminded that performance in the formal Term 5 assessment papers / coursework (where relevant) will formulate a minimum final subject grade which may be raised when all the evidence has been appraised holistically for each student.

JCQ have asked all schools to make clear to parents and students that **'the range of evidence being used to determine a grade in a subject is not a matter of negotiation'** between parents / students and the school.

Special Consideration Requests - Students who have applied for special consideration will be notified separately by the NSB Exams Office as to whether the application has been accepted in line with JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) guidance. Where accepted, special consideration will be considered in line with JCQ guidance for all applicable pieces of evidence as part of the holistic grading process.

Access Arrangements (for qualifying students only) – the Term 5 assessments held within the formal assessment window had access arrangements in place for qualifying students. If a piece of 'other evidence' did not have access arrangements in place at the point of the assessment for a qualifying student, then this has been indicated on the Evidence Sheet and in line with relevant JCQ guidance this will be considered by teachers when forming their holistic final grade judgement.

During the week beginning July 5th (adjusted date) students and parents will be sent the breakdown of moderated marks for each of the pieces of evidence being used in the holistic grading process. Students will not be issued with their final overall grade for each subject until the national Results Day - August 10th for A Level / EPQ and August 12th for GCSE.

If students / parents have any questions or concerns regarding the information on the 'Evidence Sheet' then please contact me at exams@nsb.northants.sch.uk by Tuesday, June 15th at the latest. Final grades are being sent to the Exam Boards on Friday, June 18th.

Details of the logistics of Results Day and of the Appeals process will be issued by the school before the end of the academic term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Topping Shaw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'H'.

Mrs H. Topping Shaw
Assistant Headteacher - Examinations