

Results support for centres with exam cancellation in May/June 2026

For GCSE and AS/A-level results
released in August 2026

Information for centres receiving GCSE and AS/A-level results in August 2026

This document provides guidance for centres where examinations were cancelled during the May/June 2026 series and grades have been awarded through OxfordAQA's contingency arrangements. It explains how grades were determined and outlines the Post-results services available to centres and students

How have grades been determined?

Grades have been awarded based on the student evidence submitted by centres.

For each qualification and subject, experienced examiners carried out a holistic review of the complete collection of evidence provided. Using established grading standards and criteria, examiners considered the evidence as a whole, alongside the context in which the work was produced and any challenges students may have experienced.

What happens if schools have concerns about their results?

If you believe a grade may require further review, OxfordAQA offers a full Post-results service for qualifications awarded through the contingency arrangements.

Centres should submit a **Review of Grading** request through the post-results process in the first instance. The review will be carried out by a different senior examiner who was not involved in the original grading decision.

Please see the Post-results guidance document for full details on the process and how to submit a Post-results request.

[OxfordAQA Post-results guidance](#)

What if AS/A-level grades were calculated from previously banked units?

If you have any questions relating to results that were calculated using previously banked units, please contact us at info@oxfordaqa.com providing details of the student and qualification concerned.

Our team will review the information and advise you accordingly.

Will a different examiner review the grade?

Yes. Any Review of Grading will be completed by a different senior examiner who was not involved in the original grading decision. This provides an independent review of the evidence and grading outcome.

Can new evidence be submitted as part of the review of grading?

No. Reviews of Grading are based solely on the evidence originally submitted by the centre. Additional or new evidence cannot be accepted as part of the review process.

Will Data Insights be available?

No. Data Insights will not be available for grades awarded through the contingency arrangements.

As grades were determined through a holistic review of the complete collection of evidence, there are no individual assessment marks available to report.

What if a student is still unhappy after their review of grading?

If, after receiving the Review of Grading outcome, the centre believes there are grounds for a further challenge, an appeal may be submitted.

Appeals must be submitted by the centre within **30 calendar days** of receiving the Review of Grading outcome.

Will grades awarded through the contingency arrangement process still be valued and accepted by universities?

Yes. OxfordAQA International GCSEs and A-levels are recognised as being at the same standard as UK qualifications.

Universities worldwide – including the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, the UK's Russell Group, the USA's Ivy League, and Australia's Group of Eight – accept these qualifications.

Universities have also confirmed that they will accept grades regardless of whether students have taken an exam or used contingency arrangements.

Can my student re-enter for a future exam series to improve their grade?

Yes, a student can re-enter a future exam series.

The student should enter with the Awarding Body they studied the original qualification with.

The next OxfordAQA exam series are:

- *November 2026: GCSE*
- *January 2027: A-level*
- *May/June 2027: AS/A-level and GCSE*

Students awarded grades through the contingency arrangements will receive unit grades and UMS scores. This means they can resit units and recertificate in future series in the same way as all other students.

What if my region is still not back in school and continues with online learning?

Decisions on whether exams go ahead are directed by the Ministry of Education in your country.

OxfordAQA will continue to monitor developments and will communicate directly with centres if there are any changes affecting future examination series, including November 2026 and January 2027.

Need further support?

We understand that results awarded through contingency arrangements may lead to questions from centres, students and parents. If you require further guidance, please contact the OxfordAQA team, who will be happy to support you.

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