

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Appeal for books

Hello! My name is Alice Leggatt and I am the new Librarian at The John Fisher School. I am having a wonderful time restocking our Library with great new books ready for September. Unfortunately, quite a few of the books our students have requested are out of stock due to printing delays caused by the pandemic. If any families have any pre-loved copies of *Graphic Novels (all genres), Manga or Anime books* I would be so grateful to receive them - donations can be brought in to the Library at any time. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing your boys in the Library very soon!

Ofqual - Summer 2021 Series: GCSE & A-level Appeals

Ofqual has published the consultation decisions for summer 2021 appeals. Further information from AQA can be found below. GCSEs, AS and A-levels students' right to appeal – If a student (including private candidates) feels the grade they've received is wrong, there's an appeals process unique to this summer series, for them to follow. Grounds of appeal – Ofqual has produced a Student guide to awarding summer 2021 to help explain the process. To summarise:

Stage One – Centre Review. If a student feels their grade is wrong, they should speak to their school or college first to check if there was a mistake in determining or submitting the grade. If there was a mistake, schools and colleges can submit a revised grade to the exam board to consider.

Stage Two – Exam Board Review. If schools and colleges do not find a mistake, but the student still believes that their grade is wrong, they can ask their school or college to submit a formal appeal to the exam board for them. Students can appeal if they believe any of the following applies:

- there was an error in the way the school or college followed or applied its procedure for determining their grade
- the school or college did not make a reasonable judgement when deciding which evidence to use to determine their grade
- the school or college did not make a reasonable judgement about their grade based on the evidence gathered.

If an appeal is submitted to an exam board, schools and colleges will need to supply the complete evidence in support of the student's grade. Deadlines – appeals must be submitted to exams boards by 23 August 2021 for priority appeals (for students applying to higher education who did not get their first

choice, and wish to appeal an A-level or other Level 3 qualification result), or by 17 September 2021 for non-priority appeals.

Students should be aware that their grade could go up, down, or stay the same.

If students are disappointed with their grade and would like to improve it, Ofqual has confirmed that autumn examinations can take place in 2021.

Summer Uniform

Please note that blazers must be worn to and from school, but can be removed during lessons and breaks. School jumpers can be left at home. Your son can bring a John Fisher School cap to school to wear when outside and during Games lessons. Your son is encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school which can be refilled. He is also encouraged to apply sunscreen when necessary.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

P E McCullagh

Headteacher