

KS4 2020 examinations and results

Dear Student/Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of term, we would like to update you regarding arrangements for results day, and subsequent next steps guidance and advice. We hope that, despite the unusual circumstances surrounding this year's exam results, there will be much to celebrate and that students' hard work will be recognised.

We appreciate parents/carers and students may well have questions about the grading process. The attached information from Ofqual outlines the main process for arriving at a final grade:

- Step 1 - School considers and submits centre assessment grade and rank order information based on a number of pieces of evidence, collected over the time the student has been educated at the school.
- Step 2 - Exam boards standardise grades using statistical model developed with Ofqual
- Step 3 – Exam boards decide on final grades for each student and publish results.

As previously communicated, exam results day is scheduled for: **Thursday 20th August 2020**

To minimise impact of large groups assembling, results will be provided electronically. Students will receive their grades via Edulink One. Details of how to download and access this system are attached to this letter. The link will be made available on the school's website and students will be able to access results **from 8.00am**.

Whilst we hope to be celebrating with our students, it is possible there may be some queries about results and grades or options relating to sixth form. The school will be open from 10am to 12pm on results day, for students to drop in and meet with a member of the senior leadership team. The attached flowchart shows the options open to students if they are concerned about their grades.

Please note that in most cases, there is not an option for individual students to appeal directly to the exam board. Any appeal has to be evidence based and, in almost all cases, submitted by the school. Should you have any queries, following the publication of results, please contact Suzanne Crow, Exams Officer, in the first instance. Individual subject teachers will not be able to address your queries. Please note, we may not be able to respond immediately on the results day.

You may also be aware that when A level and GCSEs were cancelled this year the Government said students would have the opportunity to sit their exams in an autumn exam series if they felt that the grade they were awarded did not reflect the one they thought they might achieve. Ofqual has confirmed that a full suite of exams will be offered in the autumn term. These exams will be scheduled in October (A level) and November (GCSEs) although the finer details regarding logistics are still to be confirmed by the exam boards.

More than ever this year, we are looking forward to celebrating with our students on results day, as well as supporting them in their next steps.

Yours sincerely



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Process for awarding GCSEs, AS and A levels summer 2020

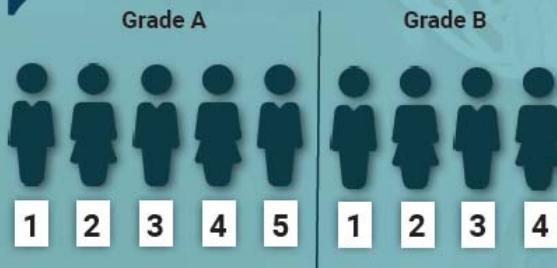
Step 1 - School or college considers and submits centre assessment grade and rank order information

For each student for each subject

Centre assessment grade based on evidence of performance

- For example A level geography
- Any non-exam assessment work
 - Classwork
 - Homework
 - Mock exams
 - Other relevant evidence

Position in rank order of students on that grade



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Step 2 - Exam boards standardise grades using statistical model developed with Ofqual

For each subject



Statistical standardisation

What results might the school or college be most likely to achieve given the following?

- previous national results in the subject
- the prior attainment of its students this year compared to previous years
- the school or college results in recent years



Centre assessment grade

Rank order 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4

If grades are generous, adjust grades down

Calculated grade

A A B B B B B B B

If grades are severe, adjust grades up

Calculated grade

A A A A A A B B B

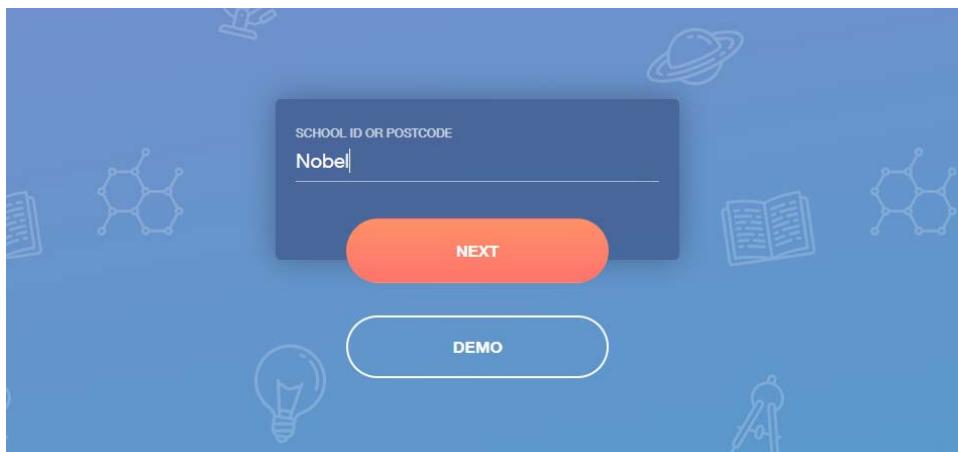
Accessing Results on Results Day 2020

Students will be able to access results on results day from 8.00am using the Edulink One system. This is accessible via a website or by using an App.

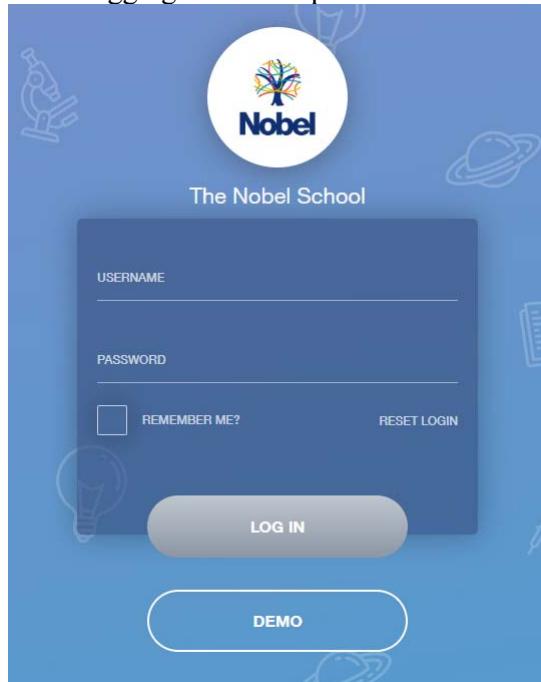
The website is available by following the link provided: <https://www.edulinkone.com/#!/login>

Download the iOS app [here](#) or Amazon app [here](#)

The steps to access results are outlined below.



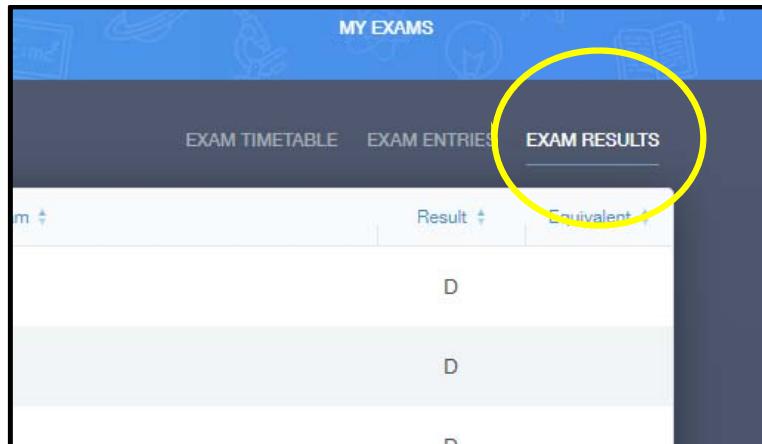
- On the login Screen Enter Nobel as the School ID. Then click next.
- On the next screen enter the details of your username and password. These are exactly the same as if your were logging into a computer at school



- You will be taken to the homescreen. From here select the ‘Exams’ icon.

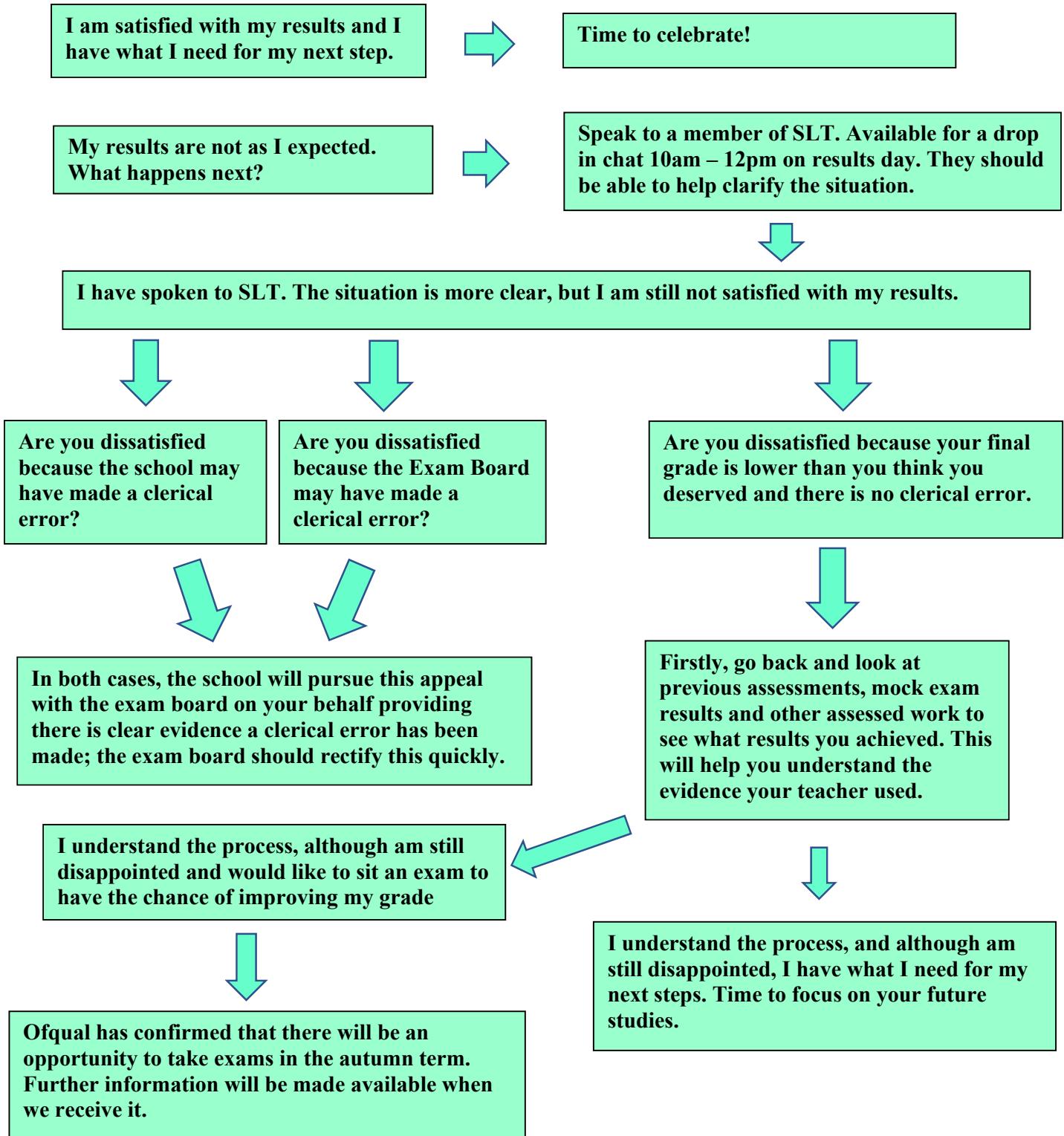


- From the Exams section you should be able to access your results by ensuring you are on the ‘Exam Results’ tab.



If you have trouble accessing your results please email ICT support via
helpdesk@nobel.herts.sch.uk
who will be able to support you logging in.

Guidelines for queries regarding exam results Summer 2020



NB Ofqual has also confirmed it will produce a separate guide for students that sets out how their grades were calculated this year and the options available if they believe their result was not properly produced. This will include information about who can support students in understanding both the options available to them if they wish to query their result and how to access those routes. This will include guidance if students are concerned about bias and/or discrimination. This is due to be published by the end of July.