



Joint Council for
Qualifications

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**Notice to Centres - release of general qualification results
June 2021 examinations**

(For the attention of heads of centre, senior leaders and examination officers)

Restricted release of results to centres only

Electronic copies of results will be released to centres, either through secure means on awarding body extranet sites or via A2C, as follows:

| Date | Qualifications |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 0001 hours on Monday 23 August 2021 | GCE, FSMQ Extended Project |
| 0001 hours on Thursday 26 August 2021 | GCSE, ELC Foundation and Higher Projects |

Results are released to centres on the strict understanding that the results files and their contents remain entirely confidential to the head of centre, examinations office staff and senior members of teaching staff within the centre, the consortium or Multi Academy Trust.

The awarding bodies reserve the right to withdraw the special concession of providing early information about results electronically to any centre which is found to be in breach of these requirements.

Centres **must** abide by the additional restrictions detailed in this document.

Release of results to candidates

Results may be released to candidates as follows:

| Date | Qualifications |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 0800 hours on Tuesday 24 August 2021 | GCE, FSMQ Extended Project |
| 0800 hours on Friday 27 August 2021 | GCSE, ELC Foundation and Higher Projects |

The results **must not** be despatched until after 0800 hours on the appropriate date for the publication of results. **Candidates must not receive results by e-mail, post or otherwise prior to 0800 hours.**

Any breach of these requirements will be considered as malpractice by an awarding body.

Additional restrictions on the release of results

Results, or information derived from results, **must not** be divulged to or discussed with:

- other teachers;
- candidates or parents;
- educational institutions and Local Authorities;
- the media;
- any other persons.

Additionally, the results, or information derived from results, **must not** be divulged or discussed on social media such as Facebook or Twitter.

Centres **must not** release results data to Local Authorities until after 9.30am on the appropriate date for the publication of results.

Similarly, centres **must not** issue press releases or statements to the media under any circumstances until after 9.30am on the appropriate date for the publication of results.

Results data **must not** be shared more widely until after the candidates have received their results.

Any breach of these requirements will be considered as malpractice by an awarding body.

Centres should note that results are issued on a provisional basis and may be subject to amendment through the published post-results services.

Candidate statements of provisional results are not certificates. An awarding body reserves the right to amend examination results prior to the issue of certificates.

Use of electronic result files

Awarding bodies do not provide paper copies of candidates' provisional results. Centres will need to use the electronic result files to prepare the information that is released to candidates.

Where candidates need to provide their provisional results to third parties, such as Sixth Form or FE colleges, we strongly recommend that the candidate statements of provisional results are printed on school letter headed paper and/or stamped with the school name and logo.

Sixth Form and FE colleges

Sixth Form and FE colleges will see students supplying centre-endorsed results for enrolment purposes, e.g. results printed on school letter headed paper and/or stamped with the school name and logo.

There is no distinction between provisional results data generated from an awarding body's extranet site or via a centre's MIS package (which in most cases will list the results from all awarding bodies). The provisional results are subject to change.

Where there is doubt, Sixth Form and FE colleges should liaise with schools to establish the candidate's results or alternatively, request from the candidate his/her certificates once issued. The certificate is the final record of a candidate's achievement(s).