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Predicted
Grades Policy
2018

What are Predicted Grades?

The College is required to provide Predicted Grades for students applying to university through UCAS and they can also be used by the College for other student application processes and reference requests. The predicted grades the College provides represent an aspirational but honest professional judgement about the most likely final grade the student will achieve in the qualification on completion of the course.

What is the College's overall approach to Predicted Grades?

It is essential that the College adopts a consistent 'evidence-led' approach across the student body. Over-predicting grades can be counter-productive because many universities and colleges monitor the accuracy of the grade predictions made by schools and colleges. The College must therefore be careful to not artificially inflate grade predictions. However, we are also eager to be aspirational in our approach, to allow our students the best opportunities, where there is evidence to support such a judgement.

How are predicted grades calculated?

The academic staff at College will use their professional judgment to predict the most probably grade outcome using a range of evidence. Primary amongst these are:

- Year 12 Progression Exam (*The results of the Progression Exams will form the minimum basis for student predicted grades*)
- Key Assessment Performance in Year 12
- GCSE performance
- Interim Report Effort Grades in Year 12
- Any Extenuating Circumstances that may have affected performance during Year 12 (*this must be supported by appropriate evidence*)

How is this policy communicated to students/parents?

Year 12 students will be given an introduction to the College's approach to predicted grades during the Spring Term when they begin to research their progression plans. This is designed to allow students the opportunity to positively affect their predictions through their own hard work and by increasing their focus on their studies. Parents will be informed of the College's policy at the HE information evenings in March. A copy of this information will also be sent home to parents and will be available on the College's website.

When will students/parents be informed of predicted grades?

Students and Parents will be made aware of the predicted grades for all subjects in the final Interim Report of the year (IR5) in June.

Appeals Process

The College recognises that the issue of predicted grades can potentially cause tension between parents/students and academic staff. The College adopts a rational evidence-led approach to, as far as possible, minimise these tensions. Whilst the College recognises that parents/students have a right of appeal, dealing with disputes of this nature involves a considerable amount of staff time and often distracts students from their studies. As a consequence appeals will only be considered if it can be proved that the College's predicted grade policy has not been applied correctly.

Any appeals must be emailed to the Principal's PA (principalspa@reigate.ac.uk) outlining clearly and concisely (on a maximum of one side of A4 only) the grounds for the appeal (i.e. how the policy has not been applied correctly). **Appeals must be received no later than the 14th September 2018.** Appeals will then be handed to the relevant member of senior College staff to investigate and come to a decision.

Parents/Students will be provided with a decision by email no later than 28th September. The email will contain the College's judgement and a brief justification. There will be no further right of appeal.

It is important to note that appeals will only be considered in the format mentioned above and should not be addressed directly to academic staff.

What is the process for predicting grades for One Year Courses?

The College will also provide predictions for one year courses. Academic staff will, obviously, not have subject specific performance to inform their judgement but will base predictions on the student's overall performance at College and their current level of performance in their other subjects. Predicted grades for these subjects will be provided to students and parents by email by the end of September at the latest. Any appeals must be received no later than 5 working days after notification and will follow the same procedure outlined above.