



RGS Predicted Grades Process

As part of the university application process the School is required to supply predicted grades for each subject you are studying. This prediction, along with the academic reference, personal statement, results of GCSE grades already obtained, and, in some cases, an interview are the basis for university decisions.

You will receive one predicted grade per subject (not one from each teacher). The School has to be realistic about the predicted grades given which are based upon:

- sustained performance in attainment **and** attitude to learning progress grades throughout Year 12
- sustained performance in assessments throughout Year 12 including the results of homework assignments and topic tests
- actual attainment in the UCAS mock exam in January
- actual attainment in the UCAS exam in June (NB: there are no resits for these exams)
- the professional experience and judgment of the teacher.

Predictions will not be based upon:

- student or parental pressure
- a student promising that he will “work much harder in Year 13”
- what a student says he “wants” or “needs” to apply to a particular university.

Courses are more challenging in Year 13 than in Year 12. You are unlikely to be predicted an A Level grade higher than that achieved in the Year 12 UCAS exam **unless you have clearly underperformed in the context of your prior Year 12 performance**. In this case you may be awarded a grade that is higher than your actual UCAS exam results. No student will be awarded a grade lower than his UCAS exam grade.

Thereafter you may request re-consideration by providing further evidence of the higher grade through consistently higher attainment in **all** regular work submitted from the time of the UCAS exams onwards and for a sustained period. There will be no resits of the UCAS exam.

If a teacher has this evidence, s/he can raise the grade which must be agreed to by all your teachers in that subject and the relevant Subject Leader. The upgrade will come into effect when **you** return the Upgrade Request Chit with all required signatures to the UCAS Office.

Inflating predicted grades helps no-one, least of all the student who ends up with offers that he has little prospect of meeting and disappointment on results day. Our aim is always to support our students and that includes realism in terms of potential achievement.

Further information due to Covid 19 & Predicted Grades for entry in 2023

- In the light of recent experience, it is even more important that you adhere to the guidance above and build a solid portfolio of grades throughout Year 12 so that in the eventuality of TAGs or some other measure being used, you have evidence of performance at a consistently high level. If circumstances change in the longer term, the School will review this policy and make relevant changes if necessary.
- Please note that Predicted Grades are not the same as Teacher Assessment Grades, which are the grades the exam boards may ask us to submit on your behalf if public exams are cancelled or curtailed due to coronavirus. A Predicted Grade is the grade we think you could achieve on your best day with the best exam paper in front of you, for example a grade that you have at least a 25% chance of achieving. A Teacher Assessment Grade is subject to strict government guidelines and is the grade which, **based on the available academic evidence**, we think you are most likely to have achieved if you had sat a public exam.

Dates and deadlines 2022 (please record these now)

18-21 January	Year 12 UCAS Mock Exams
6-17 Jun (TBC)	Year 12 UCAS Exams
7 July	Year 12 Exams Report & UCAS Predictions
21 September	Deadline for submission of any upgrade request chits for Oxbridge/MDVs – Wednesday 21 September
21 September	Deadline for applications for Oxbridge/MDVs – Wednesday 21 September
16 November	Deadline for submission of any upgrade request chits for all applicants – Wednesday 16 November
16 November	Deadline for all applications – Wednesday 16 November

Reminder:

- **It is entirely your responsibility to submit the upgrade request chit which must include all required signature initials.**
- A student asking for an upgrade cannot in any way presume that it will be granted – evidence is crucial.