

Who can appeal?

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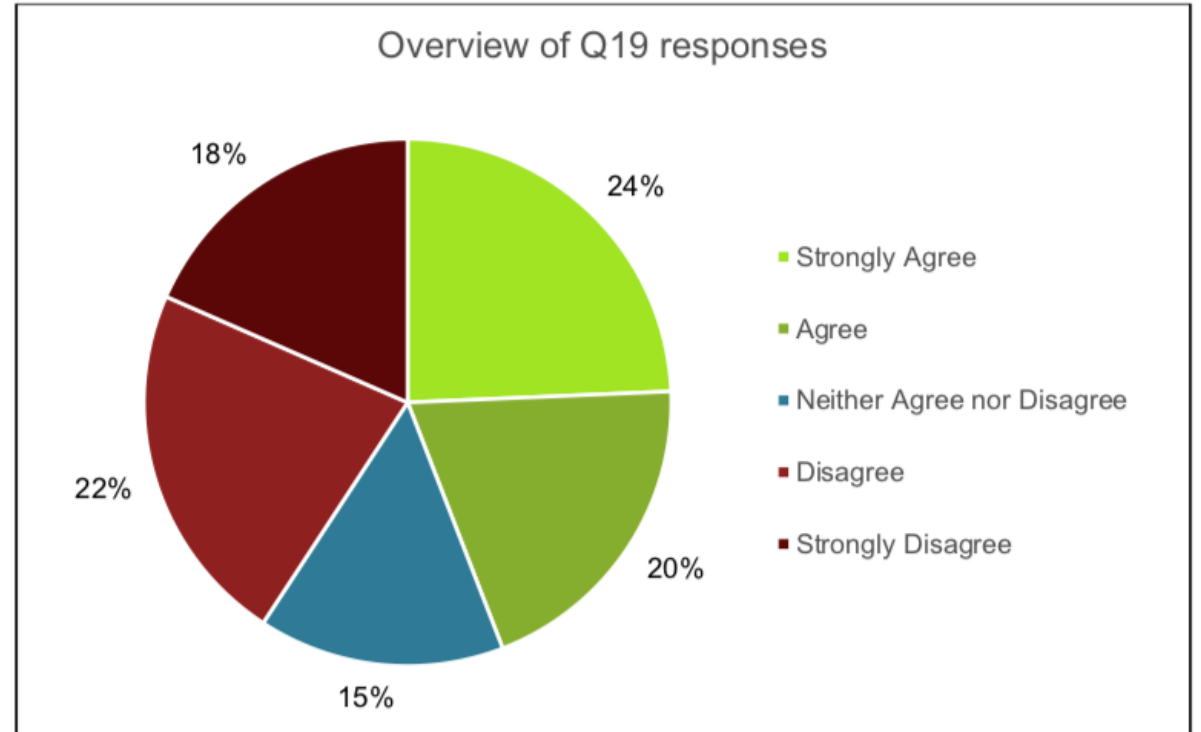
2020 Examinations in a nutshell

- Centre predicts student grade and ranks student in cohort
- Exam boards apply statistical standardisation (taking into account information about centre's previous performance)
- Exam board issues grade
- Appeal?
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/887048/Summer_2020_Awarding_GCSEs_A_levels_-_Consultation_decisions_22MAY2020.pdf
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/903953/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_and_A_level_Extended_Project_Qualification_27072020.pdf

Who can appeal – the issues?

- Can a student appeal against the professional judgment of the centre?
- Can a student appeal against the process/procedure adopted by the centre?
- Can a centre appeal against the decision of the exam board?
- Can a student appeal against the decision of the exam board?


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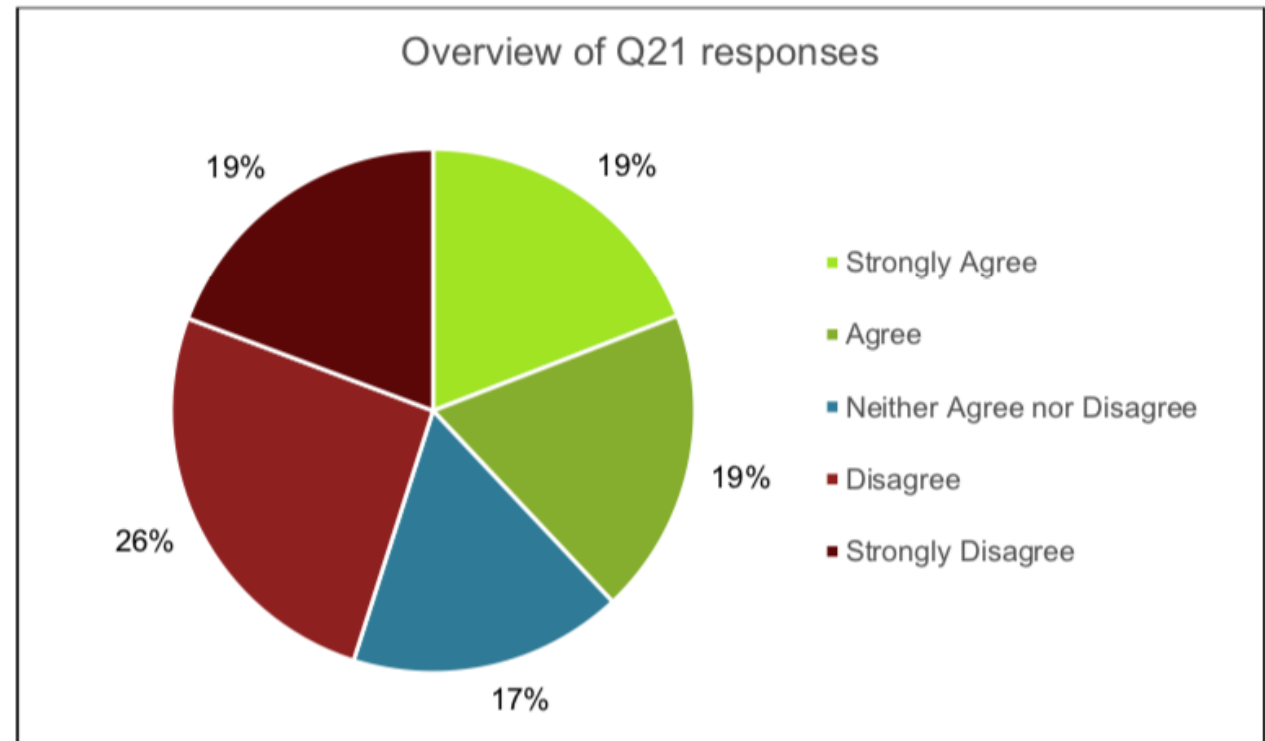


Can a student appeal against the professional judgment of the centre?

- **NO**
- *“We have decided that we should adopt our proposal that we should not provide an opportunity for students to challenge their centre assessment grade or their position in the centre’s rank order through an appeal. A student will be able to ask their centre to check whether they made an error when submitting a centre assessment grade and including them in the centre’s rank order. They will be able to raise a complaint to their centre if they have evidence of bias or that they were discriminated against; they could also pass such evidence on to the exam board who could investigate for potential malpractice.”*

Can a student appeal against the process/procedure adopted by the centre?

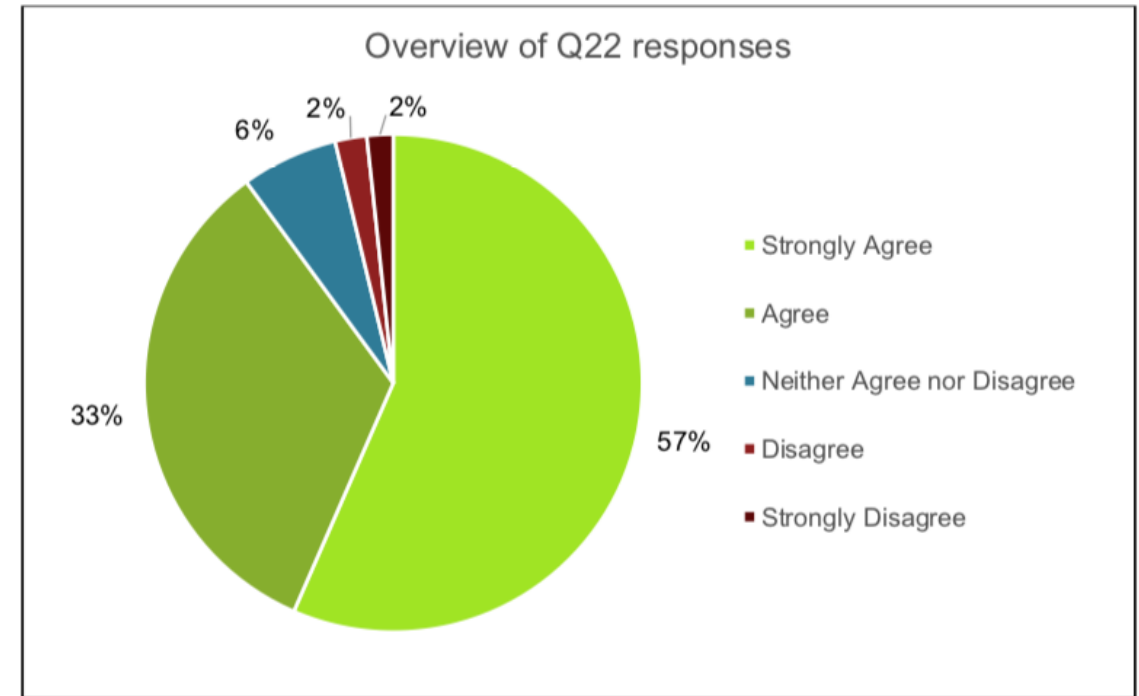
 <h2>The school rules</h2>	
<u>Our rules</u>	<u>What they mean</u>
We walk in school	We never run
We talk quietly	We do not shout in school
We respect other people and their property	We should look after school property as we look after our own
We look after our things	We don't break or lose our things
We are kind to each other	We look after and care for each other
We are polite and always use kind language	We have good manners and never use bad language
We tell the truth	We never lie
We are proud of ourselves and our school	We wear our uniform smartly with pride
We never try to upset or hurt someone else	We should treat others as we like to be treated
We stop at the hand signal	We stop talking and moving and show the hand signal ourselves
Keep calm to make the right choice	C-choose to breathe A-ask for a moment L- listen and think M -make the right choice



Can a student appeal against the process/procedure adopted by the centre?

- **NO**
- *“We have decided to adopt our proposal that we should not provide for an appeal in respect of the process or procedure used by a centre, although a student could ask a centre to check whether it had made a mistake when it submitted data about the student’s likely grade to the exam board.”*
- BUT can ask school to appeal on his/her behalf on the basis that the school made administrative mistake (see below)

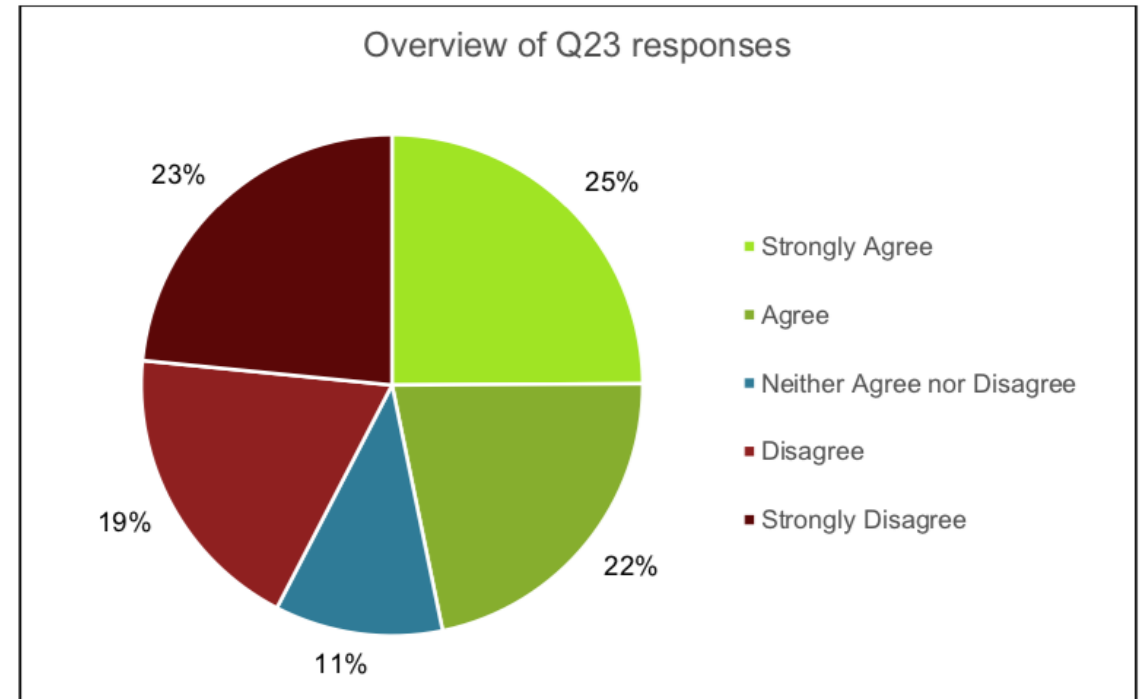
Can a centre appeal against the decision of the exam board?



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- Yes
- *“We have decided that we should adopt our proposal that we should provide for a centre to appeal to an exam board on the grounds that the exam board used the wrong data when calculating grades, and/or incorrectly communicated the grades calculated.”*
- *“We have additionally decided to make clear in guidance, to address the risk raised, that an appeal brought on the grounds that a centre made an error in the data it submitted to the exam board must be supported by clear evidence that an error had been made by the centre.”*
- *“In the rare event that there has been a substantive change in the cohort at a centre and the centre can demonstrate that this change undermines the use of historical data and prior attainment data for statistical standardisation, this would amount to using the wrong data for the purposes of standardisation. In these cases, centres can therefore appeal to exam board(s) to seek to have the error corrected.”*

Can a student appeal against the decision of the exam board?



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- **NO(ish)**
- *“We have decided to adopt our proposal that exam boards should only consider appeals submitted by centres, not by students directly. We have also decided that the regulatory requirements for 2020 will require exam boards to make sure centres provide for students to appeal within the centre:
 - (i) against a centre’s decision not to seek from the exam board any information the exam board holds that would be needed for an appeal; and/or
 - (ii) not to appeal to the exam board.”*

GQCov 6.2: For the purposes of this condition, an awarding organisation must take all reasonable steps to ensure that –

- (a) the Centre makes Learners aware of the arrangements it has in place prior to the issue of results under Condition GQCov3.1, and
- (b) the Centre provides Learners with a statement of the arrangements promptly when requested.

Summary

- Students have no formal right of appeal against the centre
- Students have no formal right of appeal against exam board
- Centres have formal right of appeal against exam board

Thank you for listening

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