

Year 13 assessment: FAQs

What are the final grades comprised of? The IB final grades are determined by a combination of the internal (IA) and external (EA) coursework assessments and teacher predicted grades of performance based on evidence from the two year period of study. Different subjects have different amounts and combinations of IA and EA. Their weighting remains the same as originally intended and is on average 20% of the final subject grade. This does differ significantly from subject to subject however. BTEC grades will be awarded on a Centre Assessed Grade with units completed by students being moderated, as they normally would be, by the exam board.

How will IB predicted grades be decided? Grades this year will be decided on the full range of evidence we have on each student's performance in their subjects. We will be using all assessments completed to date, mock/practice examination questions, and a series of final 'in-class' assessments where they are required. All of the available evidence will be used by class teachers to make a holistic, professional judgement about each student's predicted grade. This year all IB schools have been given individualised guidance to follow for their teacher predicted grades based on what has historically been achieved in each subject but with the flexibility to challenge this distribution for exceptional individuals or cohorts. IB have designed this to strengthen the accuracy of predicted grades globally. IB grade boundaries this year have been moderated to reflect the disruption caused by the pandemic and this is taken into consideration when predicting the grades.

How will the College ensure the process is fair? Assessments and evidence will be standardised across courses and levels and will be moderated by subject teachers. During the week beginning 25 March, year 13 teachers will be moderating assessments and then submitting their IA, EA and predicted grades, based on the evidence outlined above. Lead Practitioners and SLT will then quality assure these, before a final check by Ms Sale, Ms Wilson, Ms Gibbons and Miss Hearn. These will then be submitted to the IBO during the week beginning 12 April.

When will I find out my final grades? IB results day is on 6 July and students can access their results from candidates@ibo.org at 2.45pm GMT. Both the Heads of Programme will be on line ready to help (and congratulate) our students. BTEC results will be emailed to students in the usual way via the exams office. Students will not receive any information from teachers about their grades between now and this date; for teachers to share any information with students would be considered malpractice and could jeopardise the grades of all our students, so students should not contact teachers or ask them for any information about their grades.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms Wilson for IBDP bwilson@ivc.tmet.org.uk and Ms Gibbons for IBCP lgibbons@ivc.tmet.org.uk in the first instance.