

Greens call for clarity over 2022 exams as students receive A level results

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The Green Party has called on the UK and Welsh governments to issue clear guidance on exam measures for next year to avoid the chaos of the last two years as students received their A level results today [Tuesday 10 August].

Vix Lowthion, Green Party lifelong education spokesperson and a teacher who was with her students as they got their results this morning, said

"This year has been one of the hardest for students ever, and so every single person receiving their A Level results today deserves praise and respect for their achievements.

"Despite facing huge uncertainty over exams, lost learning time and not being protected from Covid, young people up and down the country have shown the sort of drive and resilience which should set an example for us all.

"The government faces serious questions over just how chaotic the last two years have been for schools and college, and we need to hear from Gavin Williamson immediately about exam measures for next summer so that the class of 2022 do not face the same hardships as the two previous years."

Wales Green Party leader Anthony Slaughter said:

"Students in Wales have had to endure one of the toughest 12 months imaginable, yet the Labour government here is still yet to offer any semblance of a plan for next year

"While we should praise all of our A level students for what they have achieved while coping in a pandemic this last year, let that not distract us from the fact that the government here needs to set out how no other year groups are going to suffer in a similar way.

"Teachers have also had to deal with an enormous amount of extra stress in being solely responsible for students' grades, and so we fully support union calls for clarity over next year's exams for their benefit also."

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