

Enquiries about Results 2016/2017

Dear Student,

Your results

The Academy will not be dealing with any enquiries about results until the new school term starts on 4th September 2017.

All queries should be directed to us, but if you want clarification of a result and grade boundaries (Grade boundaries indicate the minimum marks needed to achieve a certain grade) before this date, you will be able to find this information online at the awarding body websites.

Exam board websites

- www.aqa.org.uk
- <https://qualifications.pearson.com>
- www.ocr.org.uk

New/ reformed GCSE's (English Language, English Literature and Maths)

You will notice that the grades for the new reformed specifications for English Language, English Literature and Maths do not show any points but just the overall subject award grade scale as a number (new grading system 1-9 instead of A* to G).

These qualifications are linear so do not use uniform marks (UMS: Uniform Mark Scale).

With the new/reformed GCSE's – Grade 4 is a pass (equivalent to C grade) and Grade 5 is a solid pass (equivalent to a high C, low B grade).

Legacy GCSE's

You will see that the legacy qualifications show the unitised and overall uniform mark points and grade equivalent of A* to G.

Raw marks and UMS Marks explained

The **raw mark** is the number of marks a learner achieved on an exam or assessment.

The **UMS** mark (Uniform Mark Scale mark) or points score is a conversion of the raw mark.

UMS grade boundaries are fixed so they are the same for each exam session.

Raw mark grade boundaries change for each exam session.

A **Uniform Mark Scale**, or UMS, is a way of standardising the marking of papers across different examination boards, allowing someone to compare two marks marked by two different examination boards. Grades are then calculated using **grade boundaries** set at particular UMS scores.

Enquiries about results (EAR's)

If for any reason your teacher suggests your exam script should be sent to the exam board for a 'clerical check' or a 'review of marking', we will require your written consent. We will send you a letter and a form to complete along with the cost. This will be sent to you at home within the first two weeks of September. You must pay and return your form by the date specified in the letter so that we meet the exam board deadline for submission of enquires about results (EAR).

Please note that when an EAR is submitted there is a chance that your grade may be lowered, confirmed or raised as a result.

EAR's Explained

Clerical check:

This ensures the board marked all the pages, counted all the marks and the result matches the marks on the paper.

Takes up to 10 calendar days

[AQA £8.05 per unit/OCR £16.40 per unit/Edexcel £11.10]

Review of marking:

Clerical check, 2nd examiner will review the paper again to identify genuine marking errors or unreasonable marking and make sure all marks are counted.

Takes up to 20 calendar days

[AQA £36.50 per unit, AQA MFL £48.95/OCR £45.60/Edexcel £35.90, Drama unit 5DR03 £55.60]

Copy of script:

You can request a copy or the original script.

[AQA £13.95, copy of reviewed paper £13.95/OCR £11.00, clerical check and copy of script £27.80, Review of marking and copy script £57.00/Edexcel £11.10 but free with clerical check and review of marking]

Moderation review:

The Academy will only apply for a review of moderation if we feel the cohort marks have been unfairly lowered. The review will be to see if assessment criteria were applied fairly, reliably and consistently.

[Individual enquiries cannot be made regarding assessment]

Takes up to 35 calendar days.

Yours sincerely

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