

Appeals:

Re-marking of External Assessments and Examinations Statement

As an Academy we are concerned that every student's external assessment and examination grades are a correct reflection of their work and efforts.

This determination extends to the examination boards themselves, and in the case of coursework marked by the school, this is sampled by them and the grades given are verified as appropriate.

Examination papers are also scrutinised and moderated so that consistency occurs.

Despite this, there are still occasions where marking gives rise to concern, predominantly when a student seems to have underperformed for no explainable reason or that their given marks are so close to the next grade borderline that the re-interpretation of some small part of the student's paper could lead to a change in grade.

We carefully scrutinise all results that are returned to the Academy by examining bodies and where we believe that a mistake has been made we will request a re-mark. In such cases this is a careful professional judgement made by the Subject Leader and sanctioned by a Senior Leader in the light of our experience in dealing with re-marks and our knowledge of the likelihood of success for the candidate.

Candidates may also make a request for re-marking, and we strongly recommend that a discussion with the Subject Leader and sanctioned by a Senior Leader takes place first as:

It is important to state that remarks of papers can result in movement of marks down as well as up, and significant shortfall can lead to the given grade going down!

Should you be concerned over a result you should first contact the Subject Leader for that examination subject, who will discuss your child's result along with the realistic possible outcome of any appeal.

The final decision over the Academy's support for a re-mark will be given within 24 hours.

Given all of this, there are times when a parent or student would want to insist on a re-mark against our best advice.

Should this be the case the parent/student should complete the necessary forms and submit them. Should you decide to follow this route please note that this process is time constrained and unnecessary delay may lead to an inability to process this request. The examination officer can provide you with the actual deadlines to be followed to avoid this.

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