

Review of Marking Information

How do I request a review of marks?

You can access our **post-results services** via:

- Our email address: postresults@fulford.york.sch.uk
- Our website: www.fulford.york.sch.uk/exams
- The main school office: 01904 633300

Complete and submit your request form, including payment, before the following dates:

- For a priority A-level review: 19th August
- For the return of exam scripts: 9th September
- For all other requests or reviews: 23rd September

A-level students only: What if I haven't met the grade criteria for my university place? Will my place be kept open while my script is reviewed?

We strongly advise you to inform the university and they may be able to keep your place open until the review has been completed. An awarding body will not inform UCAS that a review of marking has been requested. However, it will advise UCAS of any grade change arising from a review.

What is unreasonable marking?

Reviewers will not re-mark the script. They will only act to correct any errors identified in the original marking.

A marking error can occur because of:

- an administrative error
- a failure to apply the mark scheme where a task has only a 'right' or 'wrong' answer
- an **unreasonable** exercise of academic judgement. An academic judgement is what is involved when assessing. It is possible for different examiners reasonably to reach different judgements. **Unreasonableness** in academic judgement occurs where the mark given is one that no reasonable examiner could properly have awarded.

What could be the outcome of a review?

- If a review or marking is successful, and the candidate's grade is altered, the cost of the review will be refunded by the exam board
- UCAS will be advised of any changes to GCE and Level 3 VTQ grades.
- Where there has been a reduction in marks or a downgrade following a review of marking, the request cannot be revoked and the original mark or grade will not be reinstated.



It is important to be realistic.

Most reviews of marking are unsuccessful. Nationally, of the 6.4 million grades awarded at GCSE, AS and A-level, 5.2% were reviewed and 1.2% were changed (www.gov.uk). At Fulford School, last year just one in five reviews resulted in a change to the mark.

Take a common-sense approach.

Are you surprised by the result? Is it significantly different to your results on practice papers? Did you feel that the exam went better than the result suggests? Is your mark for one of the papers particularly low?

Read your recalled script carefully.

Are there any errors in the way the marks have been totaled? Are there any questions which have not been marked? Any pages without annotations, suggesting the examiner did not read them? Reflect critically on your answers. Do they deserve the marks they have been awarded?

Understand that teaching staff are not exam markers.

Exam boards re-train their markers every year to apply the mark scheme for that particular exam series. Teachers have not had this training. Only the exam board can decide whether the original exam marker's judgement was reasonable.

Proceed with caution.

Before committing to a review, check that your mark isn't close to the grade boundary below because marks can go down as well as up. If time isn't an issue, consider having one paper reviewed at a time rather than both at the same time.