

FAQs for GCSE Statements of Results

What are AQA, EDEXL, OCR and WJEC?

These are the four different exam boards (or 'awarding bodies') that we use. EDEXL is an abbreviation for the Edexcel exam board, (part of Pearson Education).

What is the difference between GCSE/FC, GCSE/SC and GCSE/B?

It depends on which exam board is referred to.

With AQA, OCR and Edexcel – GCSE/B is used to refer to a unit or module within the GCSE, which might be an exam or a controlled assessment task. GCSE/FC and GCSE/SC then refer to the overall certificate which combines all of the units into the final grade, which might be a full GCSE (FC) or a short course (SC), which is worth half a GCSE.

What does EL/B mean?

If this exists in place of one of the GCSE codes above then it means the student is taking an 'Entry Level' qualification. These are designed for those who might find the GCSE approach to the subject too challenging. Grades available are 1, 2 or 3, with grade 1 being the highest grade.

What do my grades mean?

All subjects except BTEC Health & Social Care are graded on the new 9-1 scale, where 9 is the highest grade. This scale lines up with the old A*-G scale at three points, the new grade 4 is equivalent to the old grade C. There is also still a grade U, which means Ungraded.

What is shown in the Mark / Equivalent column?

The numbers alongside the overall grades are the total marks for the subject, and those against the unit grades are the marks for those units.

How do I know how close I am to the grade boundaries?

The level for grade boundaries at GCSE changes with each exam season depending on the difficulty of the exam papers. The boundaries are published to subject teachers after the results have come out. Should you need to know this information to help you to decide whether to have an exam re-marked, speak to your subject teacher in September noting the deadlines on the application form. **Where a 6th Form or College place is in doubt, talk to subject or exams staff ON RESULTS DAY.**