

FAQs for GCSE Statements of Results

What are AQA, EDEXCEL, OCR and WJEC?

These are the four different exam boards (or 'awarding bodies') that we use. EDEXCEL is 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.

With WJEC – they use GCSE/FC for all of the units as well as the overall certificate grade, but they indicate this overall grade with the phrase 'Cash In' at the end of the component title. All other components are module exams or controlled assessment tasks.

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.

Why are some results shown in upper case and others in lower case?

Upper case grades are the overall grade for the subject: A* – G for GCSEs and P (Pass), M (Merit), and D (Distinction) for OCR Nationals, and the lower case letters show the unit grades. U means 'ungraded' and no certificate will be issued for a subject with this result.

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.

Why is there no breakdown of marks for Mathematics or the new English Qualifications?

The Maths and English Qualification are linear qualifications, meaning that all the components have always had to be taken at the end of year 11, only the overall subject grade is shown. More Qualifications will move in this direction in 2018.

What do "points" signify?

For the purposes of national results analysis by the government different grades are awarded a particular points score. You can ignore these: they are nothing to do with the mark for the subject.

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 or the Head of Faculty or Mrs Bothwell, Exams Officer in September.