



The  
Beaconsfield  
School

A Specialist Arts College

## Internal appeals procedures

2018/2019

These procedures are reviewed annually to ensure compliance with current regulations

## 1. Appeals against internal assessment decisions (centre assessed marks)

This procedure confirms The Beaconsfield School's compliance with JCQ's *General Regulations for Approved Centres 2018-2019*, section 5.7 that the centre has in place "a written internal appeals procedure relating to internal assessment decisions and to ensure that details of this procedure are communicated, made widely available and accessible to all candidates" and that the centre "must inform candidates of their centre assessed marks. A candidate is allowed to request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body."

Certain components of GCSE and GCE (legacy GCE coursework, GCE and GCSE non-examination assessments) and other qualifications that contribute to the final grade of the qualification are internally assessed (marked) by the subject teacher. The marks awarded (the internal assessment decisions) are then submitted by the deadline set by the awarding body for external moderation.

### Final deadlines for the submission of marks to Awarding Bodies (Summer 2019 exam series)

Date	Qualification	Details
1/5/2019	GCSE	WJEC
7/5/2019	GCSE	AQA subjects
15/05/2019	GSCE/GCE	Final date for submission of coursework marks (AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC)
31/05/2019	GCSE/GCE	Art & Photography

The Beaconsfield School is committed to ensuring that whenever its staff mark candidates' work this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents.

The Beaconsfield School ensures that all centre staff follow a robust *Non-examination assessment policy* (for the management of GCE and GCSE non-examination assessments). This policy details all procedures relating to non-examination assessments, including the marking and quality assurance processes which relevant teaching staff are required to follow.

Candidates' work will be marked by staff who have appropriate knowledge, understanding and skill, and who have been trained in this activity. The Beaconsfield School is committed to ensuring that work produced by candidates is authenticated in line with the requirements of the awarding body. Where a number of subject teachers are involved in marking candidates' work, internal moderation and standardisation will ensure consistency of marking.

On being informed of their centre assessed marks, if a candidate believes that the above procedures were not followed in relation to the marking of his/her work, or that the assessor has not properly applied the mark scheme to his/her marking, then he/she may make use of the appeals procedure below to consider whether to request a review of the centre's marking.

The Beaconsfield School will

1. ensure that candidates are informed of their centre assessed marks so that they may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body.

2. inform candidates that they may request copies of materials (for example, a copy of their marked work, the relevant specification, the mark scheme and any other associated subject-specific documents) to assist them in considering whether to request a review of the centre's marking of the assessment.
3. Requests should be made as early as possible in order to ensure that the internal appeals process is completed prior to the submission of centre marks to the awarding body.
4. having received a request for copies of materials, promptly make them available to the candidate within 2 working days.
5. provide candidates with sufficient time in order to allow them to review copies of materials and reach a decision.
6. Requests must be made in writing within 3 working days of receiving copies of the requested materials – by completing the **TBS Request for Review of Centre Assessed Marking Form** (available from the website). There is a fee payable at the time of the request.
7. allow 5 calendar days for the review to be carried out, to make any necessary changes to marks and to inform the candidate of the outcome, all before the awarding body's deadline.
8. ensure that the review of marking is carried out by an assessor who has appropriate competence, has had no previous involvement in the assessment of that candidate and has no personal interest in the review.
9. instruct the reviewer to ensure that the candidate's mark is consistent with the standard set by the centre.
10. Inform the candidate in writing of the outcome of the review of the centre's marking.

The outcome of the review of the centre's marking will be made known to the head of centre. A written record of the review will be kept and made available to the awarding body upon request.

The moderation process carried out by the awarding bodies may result in a mark change, either upwards or downwards, even after an internal review. The internal review process is in place to ensure consistency of marking within the centre, whereas moderation by the awarding body ensures that centre marking is line with national standards. The mark submitted to the awarding body is subject to change and should therefore be considered provisional.

## **2. Appeals against the centre’s decision not to support a clerical check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal following an Enquiry about Results**

This procedure confirms The Beaconsfield School’s compliance with JCQ’s *General Regulations for Approved Centres 2018-2019, section 5.13* that the centre has in place “a written internal appeals procedure to manage disputes when a candidate disagrees with a centre decision not to support a clerical check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal...”

Following the issue of results, awarding bodies make post-results services available. Full details of these services, internal deadlines for requesting a service and fees charged are provided by the Exams Officer].

Candidates are also informed of the arrangements for post-results services **before** they sit any exams and the accessibility of senior members of centre staff immediately after the publication of results.

If the centre or a candidate (or his/her parent/carer) has a concern and believes a result may not be accurate, a review of the result may be requested.

### **Reviews of Results (RoRs) offers three services.**

- Service 1 – clerical re-check
- Service 2 – review of marking
- Service 3 – review of moderation (this service is not available to an individual candidate)

The Beaconsfield School will support all enquiries about results (RoRs) provided:

- a) the candidate gives written consent
- b) the candidate incurs all costs associated with the enquiry

Written candidate consent (informed consent via candidate email is acceptable) is required in all cases before a request for an RoR service 1 or 2 is submitted to the awarding body as with these services candidates’ marks and subject grades may be lowered. Candidate consent can only be collected **after** the publication of results.

Following the RoR outcome, an external appeals process is available **if** the head of centre remains dissatisfied with the outcome and believes there are grounds for appeal. The JCQ publications *Post-Results Services* and *JCQ Appeals Booklet (A guide to the awarding bodies’ appeals processes)* will be consulted to determine the acceptable grounds for a preliminary appeal.

Where the head of centre is satisfied after receiving the RoR outcome, but the candidate (or his/her parent/carer) believes there are grounds for a preliminary appeal to the awarding body, a further internal appeal may be made to the head of centre. Following this, the head of centre’s decision as to whether to proceed with a preliminary appeal will be based upon the acceptable grounds as detailed in the *JCQ Appeals Booklet*. Candidates or parents/carers are not permitted to make direct representations to an awarding body.

The appeal should be submitted in writing to the centre within **10 calendar days** of the notification of the outcome of the RoR. Subject to the head of centre’s decision, this will allow the centre to process the preliminary appeal and submit to the awarding body within the required **30 calendar days** of receiving the outcome of the review of results process. Awarding body fees which may be charged for the preliminary appeal must be paid to the centre by the appellant before the preliminary appeal is submitted to the awarding body (fees are available from the exams officer). If the appeal is upheld by the awarding body, this fee will be refunded by the awarding body and repaid to the appellant by the centre.]

Further guidance to inform and implement appeals procedures

### **JCQ publications**

- General Regulations for Approved Centres  
<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/general-regulations>
- Post-Results Services  
<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/post-results-services>
- JCQ Appeals Booklet  
<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/appeals>
- Notice to Centres - Reviews of marking (centre assessed marks)  
<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/controlled-assessments>  
<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/coursework>  
<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/non-examination-assessments>
- Notice to Centres – informing candidates of their centre assessed marks  
<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/non-examination-assessments>

### **Ofqual publications**

- GCSE (9 to 1) qualification-level conditions and requirements  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-9-to-1-qualification-level-conditions>
- GCSE (A\* to G) qualification-level conditions and requirements  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-a-to-g-qualification-level-conditions-and-requirements>
- GCE qualification-level conditions and requirements  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gce-qualification-level-conditions-and-requirements>
- Pre-reform GCE qualification-level conditions and requirements  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gce-qualification-level-conditions-for-pre-reform-qualifications>