



Alcester Academy

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GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS AFTER THE EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS 2024

Results Day – Candidate Statement of Results - Grade Boundaries

Post-Results – What to do if you are unhappy with your results

This guide aims to give valuable advice for examination results
received by candidates

Please read this document carefully and retain it for future reference

If there are ANY questions or problems, please contact the Exams Officer
lyndseykirby@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Any post results requests will not be actioned until Monday 3rd September 2024.

Notification of Results

Results will be available for collection from school between **08:00 - 12:00** on **Thursday 22nd August 2024**.

Staff will be available in school during this time to deal with any specific exam / careers related guidance you may require

If you are not able to collect your results

- You must email your exams officer lyndseykirby@alcesteracademy.org.uk and give the email address you want your results to be sent to. Alternatively, you can nominate a person to collect on your behalf (they must bring ID with them).
- If results are not collected or emailed, they will be posted on results day and will be delivered to you according to the Post Office delivery schedule. We are not able to post results to arrive on results day.

Results will not be given out by telephone

Before You Collect Your Statement of Results

You will be asked to sign a document which gives or, refuses your permission for your scripts to be accessed.

Without your permission we are unable to action any requests by you or, by your teacher.

As a matter of course, we will redact all personal information about you before using the scripts in the classroom.

Candidate Statement of Results

On results day you will receive a Candidate Statement of Results generated by school that will show your provisional results. The results are provisional (pending any post-results services outcomes that you may have applied for) until you receive your results certificate. The results slip lists ALL the exams you have and any components within the qualification.

A capital letter indicates an **OVERALL** grade. Lower case letters indicate component grades.

Grade Boundaries

Normal grading arrangements will continue for GCSEs in 2024. As usual, Ofqual will make sure that the awarding organisations take a suitable approach to grading each of their qualifications. There are no set numbers of each grade available. You will be awarded a grade that reflects your performance.

It is important to remember that grade boundaries vary from year to year for each qualification. Although senior examiners aim to produce exam papers of the same difficulty each year, in practice this is very hard to do. Because of this, the grade boundaries vary to reflect the level of challenge of the papers taken that year. These changes to grade boundaries make sure that fair and appropriate grading standards are set and that it is not easier or harder to get a grade from one year to the next. As in any year, senior examiners will recommend grade boundaries for every qualification after they have reviewed students' work in their exams and other assessments.

Ofqual have issued some information for students in their Ofqual Student Guide 2024 which can be found [here](#).

What to do if you are unhappy with your results

1. Talk to a member of staff on results day

If together you decide that there may be a problem with the marking, there are a number of things that can be done BUT there may be a cost involved, so your parents need to sanction this.

2. Decide, with your teacher and your parents, what you want to happen

A review of your results may result in your marks or grade being changed.

IMPORTANT: marks and grades can go up OR down – you could end up with a lower mark or grade.

If the grade does not change then there is a fee charged.

3. Complete the online form [here](#).

4. Pay for the services you have requested using the School Gateway (please write the relevant subject in the comment field).

5. Contact Mrs Kirby in the Exams Office if you are unsure about anything.

Email address is lyndseykirby@alcesteracademy.org.uk

Reviews of Results

All Reviews of Marking (RORs) should first be discussed with a member of the Senior Leadership Team/Subject Leader and/or Subject Teacher who will advise on the viability of such a request. The online “Review of Results Form” should then be completed and signed. No request will be actioned unless the review has been agreed by the school or payment has been made. Payment details are given in the table below. If your teacher thinks it might be beneficial to have a review of results, the academy will pay for the cost, however if, in their professional opinion, it is not advisable to pursue a review, you will be expected to pay the cost of the service you require.

In the school’s experience, it is unusual for marks to change by more than a marginal amount. It is important to note that marks and grades can go up or down! However, the school reviews the marks that you and others have achieved and will advise you if we feel the paper should be reviewed.

You can choose between the following services:

Access to script	An electronic pdf copy of your completed exam script, which can be viewed before requesting a review of results.
Clerical check	A check of all clerical procedures which lead to a result being issued. Checks include: all parts of script have been marked; totalling of marks; recording of marks. You can request a copy of the checked script. The outcome is normally issued within 10 calendar days of application.
Review of results	A check that the examiners have marked externally assessed components correctly. Changes to marks will only be made where there is an administrative or marking error but not where the original mark is reasonable. This is in line with Ofqual's review of marking guidance. Marking errors can occur as a result of: an admin error; a failure to apply the mark scheme where a task has a 'right' or 'wrong' answer; an unreasonable exercise of academic judgement. The checks will also include the clerical rechecks detailed in service 1. You can request a copy of the reviewed script. The outcome is normally issued within 20 calendar days of application.

GCSE Review of Results Fees 2024

Exam Board	Access to scripts	Clerical check of marks Charge per component	Review of marking Charge per component
AQA	£2	£9.05	£42.00
Edexcel	£2	£13.10	£46.70
OCR	£2	£10.75	£61.50
WJEC	£2	£11.00	£40.00

Access to scripts deadline is **26th September 2024** and, this is also the deadline for requesting a clerical check or a review of your results.

Review of results requests will not be actioned until Monday 3rd September 2024

Certificates

Certificates usually arrive early November. Students will be invited to collect their certificates on Wednesday 27th November between 4 and 5pm. If students are unable to attend they have until the end of the Autumn Term to collect their certificates in person. Any certificates remaining in January 2025 will be sent by first class signed for post to the year 11 address we have on record. Alcester Academy will not accept responsibility for certificates that are sent to the wrong address or that are posted and subsequently lost in transit.

If certificates get lost in the post then the student will need to apply directly to the awarding body for replacements and the cost of each certificate may be as much as £60 (fees vary).