



THAMESMEAD SCHOOL GCSEs SUMMER 2026

REVIEW OF MARKING INFORMATION PACK

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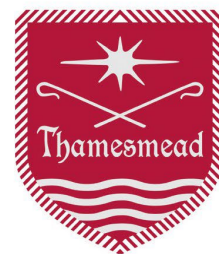


Please note that the September 2026 Reviews of Marking process **only applies to exams taken in the Summer 2026 series** and does not apply to any GCSE results from previous years.

The aim is to assist candidates and parents/carers with the publication of GCSE Results where the results are a cause for concern and if a college place is dependent on a grade.

Instructions on the process:

1. **Table 1: GRADE BOUNDARIES 2026** shows how many marks are needed to be awarded each grade.
2. The Reviews of Marking is a check to ensure that the agreed mark scheme has been applied correctly and carries out clerical checks. It is NOT a re-marking of the script. This service is only available to externally assessed components and not any coursework.
3. If the marks awarded in each qualification are close to the next grade up the candidate can choose to apply for a Review of Marking which might result in awarding the missing marks and the candidate getting a higher grade.
4. **We would recommend considering a Review of Marking only when the next grade up is 1 or 2 marks away.**
5. The service is provided by each awarding body (exam board), and the school is processing and submitting the applications.
6. **Please note there is no marks or grade protection for reviews of marking. This means that marks and subject grades may be lowered, confirmed or raised as a result.**
7. Please be aware that there is a cost to this service and deadlines for applying. Please see **Table 2: TYPES OF SERVICES, DEADLINES AND COST** and **Table 3: COST SUMMARY PER QUALIFICATION** for more details.
8. In qualifications with more than one paper, the review needs to be applied in all papers as we do not know where the marks needed can be derived from. Please note that the cost of the service is per paper, as mentioned in **Table 3: COST SUMMARY PER QUALIFICATION**
9. If the overall grade (not just marks) goes up the awarding body will refund the cost for the service. There are cases where the marks have increased but the grade remained the same because the marks were still not sufficient to award the next grade and in this case no refund is issued.
10. To apply for the service candidate consent is required. The consent form is sent by email and can also be found on the website <https://www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk/students/exams/>. Please fill out the form with the candidate details, the qualification number and a signature by the candidate as well as parent/carer. Completed forms can be sent to: exams@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk
11. Please make payments for any services requested at the time you submit the Review of Marking request via Tucasi. No requests will be submitted to the Exam Board until payment has been made.



12. Once an application is submitted by the school, the outcome will be received from the exam boards within 20 working days.
13. Candidates wishing to appeal against an outcome following a review of marking should refer to the school's Internal Appeals Process on our website. Candidates must liaise with Mrs Eley before proceeding. Appeals must be made by the school within the 30-day deadline from receipt of an outcome. All relevant discussions and communications must take place within this timeframe.

Review of Marking Example:

A candidate has been awarded a 5 in English Language with 91 marks

Table 1: GRADE BOUNDARIES 2026

Subject		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
English Language	AQA	160	122	112	103	93	84	75	55	35	16

The candidate decided to proceed with a review of marking as their results are only 2 marks away from being awarded a grade 6.

The candidate fills out the form and sends it to exams@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk. Also, a payment of £89.70 is made via Tucasi. The school processes the application and sends it to the exam board. The outcome is received within 20 working days.

Outcome scenario 1: The two missing marks are awarded, and the candidate has now been awarded a grade of 6. The school issues a refund of £89.70.

Outcome scenario 2: Only one additional mark is awarded, and the grade remains at a 5. In this case there is no refund.



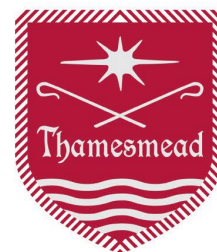
Headteacher: Mr P Reeves

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Subject		Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Art, Craft & Design	Pearson	180	148	136	124	108	92	76	54	32	11
Computer Science	Pearson	150	118	103	88	74	60	46	33	20	8
Design & Technology	AQA	200	179	165	151	134	117	100	74	48	23
Drama	WJEC/EDUQAS	300	275	263	251	231	211	191	145	100	55
English Language	AQA	160	122	112	103	93	84	75	55	35	16
English Literature	AQA	160	142	127	113	97	81	66	49	33	17
Food & Nutrition	AQA	200	172	158	145	128	112	96	71	47	23
French Tier F	AQA	200					146	134	98	62	27
French Tier H	AQA	200	179	164	149	135	121	108	101		
Geography	AQA	252	204	185	166	148	130	112	82	53	24
German H	AQA	200	176	160	144	128	113	98	90		
History	WJEC/EDUQAS	210	147	132	118	105	92	79	59	39	19
Mathematics Tier F	Pearson	240					181	151	110	69	29
Mathematics Tier H	Pearson	240	208	177	146	114	82	50	34		
Music	WJEC/EDUQAS	240	210	196	183	166	150	134	106	79	52
Punjabi H	AQA	240	222	199	177	156	136	116	106		
PE FC	Pearson	350	295	278	261	237	214	191	146	101	57
Persian H	Pearson	280	232	216	200	184	168	152	144		
Polish H	AQA	240	193	171	150	139	128	118	113		
Russian H	Pearson	280	239	210	182	155	128	101	87		
Religious Studies (Option NA)	AQA	204	172	159	146	129	112	96	70	45	20
Science Triple - Biology Tier F	AQA	200					144	127	91	55	19
Science Triple - Biology Tier H	AQA	200	133	120	107	88	70	52	43		
Science Triple - Chemistry Tier F	AQA	200					132	110	81	52	24
Science Triple - Chemistry Tier H	AQA	200	155	137	120	94	68	43	30		
Science Triple - Physics Tier F	AQA	200					141	126	92	58	24
Science Triple - Physics Tier H	AQA	200	157	142	128	107	87	67	57		
Spanish Tier F	AQA	200					144	130	94	59	24
Spanish Tier H	AQA	200	175	155	135	120	105	90	82		
Urdu H	Pearson	280	269	255	242	209	176	143	126		

Subject		Max Mark	99	98	88	87	77	76	66	65	55	54	44	43	33	32	22	21	11
Science - Core Tier F	AQA	420									276	257	238	208	178	149	120	91	62
Science - Core Tier H	AQA	420	298	280	262	245	228	208	188	168	149	130	111	101					

Subject		Max Mark	A	B	C	D	E	U
Additional Maths	OCR	100	81	74	67	60	54	0



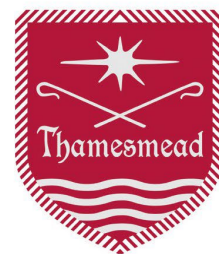
Subject Description	Papers	Max Mark	D2	M2	P2	D1	M1	P1	U
BTEC ENTERPRISE 1		60	48	40	33	27	21	15	0
BTEC ENTERPRISE 2		60	47	40	33	26	20	14	0
BTEC ENTERPRISE 3		60	40	31	22	18	15	12	0
BTEC SPORT 1		60	48	40	33	27	21	16	0
BTEC SPORT 2		60	48	40	33	27	21	15	0
BTEC SPORT 3		60	44	32	21	17	13	9	0

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Table 2: TYPES OF SERVICES, DEADLINES AND COST

	Deadline 24/09/2026	Deadline 24/09/2026
	Clerical Check of Marks (Service 1)	Review of Marking (Service 2)
	Cost per exam paper	Cost per exam paper
AQA	£9.70	£44.85
Edexcel (Pearson)	£14.00	£50.00
OCR	£12.00	£83.50
WJEC / EDUQAS	£11.00	£45.00

Clerical Check of Marks (Service 1)	A check of all clerical procedures which leads to a result being issued. Checks include: all parts of script have been marked; totaling of marks; recording of marks.
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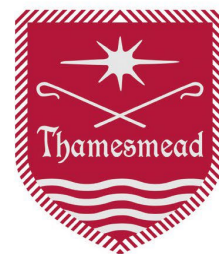


Review of Marking (Service 2)	A check that the examiners have marked externally assessed papers correctly. Changes to marks will only be made where there is an administrative or marking error but not where the original mark is reasonable. This is in line with Ofqual's review of marking guidance. Marking errors can occur because 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.
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IMPORTANT: MARKS CAN GO DOWN AS WELL AS UP – A CANDIDATE COULD END UP WITH A LOWER MARK. REVIEWERS WILL NOT REMARK THE SCRIPT. THEY ONLY ACT TO CORRECT ANY ERRORS IDENTIFIED IN THE ORIGINAL MARKING.

Table 3: COST SUMMARY PER QUALIFICATION

Subject	Subject Code	Exam Board	No of Papers	Cost per paper Review of Marking	Total cost Review of Marking
Computer Science	1CP2	Pearson	2	£50.00	£100.00
Design & Technology	8552	AQA	1	£44.85	£44.85
Drama	C69QS	WJEC/EDUCAS	1	£45.00	£45.00
English Language	8700	AQA	2	£44.85	£89.70
English Literature	8702	AQA	2	£44.85	£89.70
Food & Nutrition	8585	AQA	1	£44.85	£44.85
French	8658	AQA	up to 4	£44.85	up to £179.40
Geography	8035	AQA	3	£44.85	£134.55
German	8662	AQA	up to 4	£44.85	up to £179.40



History	C100QS	WJEC/EDUQAS	4	£45.00	£180.00
Maths	1MA1	Pearson	3	£50.00	£150.00
Maths Additional	6993	OCR	1	£83.50	£83.50
Music	C660QS	WJEC/EDUQAS	1	£45.00	£45.00
Panjabi	8683	AQA	up to 4	£44.85	up to £179.40
Persian	1PN0	Pearson	up to 4	£50.00	up to £200.00
PE FC	1PE0	Pearson	2	£50.00	£100.00
Polish	8688	AQA	up to 4	£44.85	up to £179.40
Religious Studies	8062NA	AQA	2	£44.85	£89.70
Russian	1RU0	Pearson	up to 4	£50.00	up to £200.00
Science - Core	8464	AQA	6	£44.85	£269.10
Sci Tr - Bio	8461	AQA	2	£44.85	£89.70
Sci Tr - Che	8462	AQA	2	£44.85	£89.70
Sci Tr - Phy	8463	AQA	2	£44.85	£89.70
Spanish	8698	AQA	up to 4	£44.85	up to £174.00
Urdu	1UR0	Pearson	up to 4	£50.00	up to £200.00