

# Post-results for examinations January to June 2008

*What the marks mean*



# Outcome Letters

Outcome letters have two sheets: the first is a 'letter' and the second shows the outcome of the review. This document explains the marks and grades on the second sheet.

## GCSE linear

For linear, you get one outcome letter per review. The 'second sheet' looks like this:

RM /GCSE /12345/107047		Candidate 9028		BUTLER:JANE M	
Subject		grade original	grade new	UMS/mark original	new
3702F	ENGLISH A TIER F	D	D	281	275
3702/1F	ENGLISH A PAPER 1F				23
3702/2F	ENGLISH A PAPER 2F			23	22
3702/CR	ENGLISH A CWK(R&W)				72
3702/CS	ENGLISH A CWK(S&L)				34

The **top row** is the **specification** and shows:

- the original grade
- the new grade
- the original scaled mark
- the new scaled mark.

Please note:

- the **'new' grade/mark** may be the same as the original grade/mark.
- only reviewed components have a mark in the 'original' mark column, showing the mark before the review.
- **all** the components have a mark in the 'new' column. The 'new' mark is that currently in the database.
- for reviewed components, the 'new' mark shows the mark after the review.
- for scripts, the component marks shown are the marks as on the script.
- for coursework, the component marks shown are the moderated marks.

In the above example, Paper 2F was reviewed and Paper 1F was not. Paper 1F just shows the 'new' (current) mark. Paper 2F shows the original (old) mark as well as the new.

## GCE and GCSE modular

For unitary/modular specifications, you get one letter per reviewed unit/module, per candidate. So, if a candidate is having two modules reviewed in a specification, you will get two outcome letters posted separately: one per module.

**If a candidate aggregated, the outcome letters will be produced *after* all the requested modules have been reviewed and re-aggregation has occurred. As such, the specification grade/UMS will be the same on all the outcome letters.**

The contents and layout of the 'second sheet' will depend on whether the candidate has aggregated in the session, and thus whether there is a specification grade involved. (*All the marks reported are UMS marks.*)

**If a candidate has not aggregated:**

RM /GCE / 12345/ 105971					
Candidate 9028		DOLMAN: JAMES M			
Subject		grade original	grade new	UMS/mark original	new
ICT1	GCE INFO AND COMM TECH UNIT 1	D	D	50	49

- There will **only** be a row for the module covered by the letter (remember: you get one letter per reviewed module). The row will show the original and new module grade and UMS.



**If a candidate has aggregated and so has a subject grade:**

RM /GCE / 12345/ 105971					
Candidate 9028		DOLMAN: JAMES M			
Subject		grade original	grade new	UMS/mark original	new
5521	GCE INFORMATION & COMM TECHNOLOGY AS	C	C	184	184
ICT1	GCE INFO AND COMM TECH UNIT 1	D	D	50	49

The top row will show the **specification** information:

- the original specification grade
- the new specification grade
- the original overall UMS
- the new overall UMS.

The second row will be for the reviewed module covered by the letter (remember: you get one letter per reviewed module). It will show:

- the original module grade
- the new module grade
- the original module UMS
- the new module UMS.

Please note:

- the old and new grades/marks may be identical.
- module(s) marks and grades may go up, but the specification grade may stay the same if the increase in marks wasn't enough to increase the overall specification grade.

A letter may show that the specification grade or overall UMS mark has changed without the module marks on that particular letter having changed. Here, the candidate will have had more than one module reviewed and the other module mark, detailed in its own letter, has changed enough to increase the specification grade UMS.