

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RESULTS

Advanced GCE, current Level 3 Certificate (apart from H863)	A* , A, B, C, D, E
Advanced GCE (Double Award)	A*A* , A*A, AA, AB, BB, BC, CC, CD, DD, DE, EE
AS GCE, FSMQ	A, B, C, D, E
AS GCE (Double Award)	AA, AB, BB, BC, CC, CD, DD, DE, EE
Cambridge Nationals	Distinction* at Level 2, Distinction at Level 2, Merit at Level 2, Pass at Level 2, Distinction at Level 1, Merit at Level 1, Pass at Level 1
Cambridge Technicals Certificate, Extended Certificate and Introductory Diploma	Distinction* , Distinction, Merit, Pass
Cambridge Technicals Subsidiary Diploma, Foundation Diploma and Diploma	Distinction* Distinction* , Distinction* Distinction, Distinction Distinction, Distinction Merit, Merit Merit, Merit Pass, Pass Pass
Cambridge Technicals Extended Diploma	Distinction* Distinction* Distinction* , Distinction* Distinction* Distinction, Distinction* Distinction Distinction, Distinction Distinction Distinction, Distinction Distinction Merit, Distinction Merit Merit, Merit Merit Merit, Merit Merit Pass, Merit Pass Pass, Pass Pass Pass
Entry Level Certificate	Entry 3, Entry 2, Entry 1
GCSE and GCSE (Short Course)	A* , A, B, C, D, E, F, G
GCSE (Double Award)	A*A* , A*A, AA, AB, BB, BC, CC, CD, DD, DE, EE, EF, FF, FG, GG
GCSE (9-1)	9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
GCSE (9-1) (Double Award) (Science only)*	9-9, 9-8, 8-8, 8-7, 7-7, 7-6, 6-6, 6-5, 5-5, 5-4, 4-4, 4-3, 3-3, 3-2, 2-2, 2-1, 1-1
Level 2 Award	Distinction, Merit, Pass
Level 1/2 Certificate	A* , A, B, C, D, E, F, G
Level 3 Certificate	A, B, C, D, E
Project Level 1 Foundation	A* , A, B
Project Level 2 Higher	A* , A, B, C

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Extended Project Level 3	A*, A, B, C, D, E
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*Although worth two GCSEs, GCSE (9-1) (Double Award) Combined Science will be awarded as if it is one qualification. Candidates will receive one of the 17 grades above depending on their total raw marks.

Candidates who fail to reach the minimum standard will be unclassified (U). Only subjects in which the grades shown above are attained will be recorded on certificates.

A-level Sciences and GCSE (9-1) English endorsements

Results for the endorsements for the following qualifications will be shown independently of the qualification grade on the certificate as follows:

Endorsement	Grade scale
A-level Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) practical endorsement	Pass, Not Classified
GCSE (9–1) English Language Spoken Language endorsement	Distinction, Merit, Pass, Not Classified

Candidates who fail to reach the minimum standard will be 'Not Classified' and **this will also be recorded on the certificate.**

Other results indicators

In addition to grades, for general qualifications, the following results indicators could appear for some candidates within Interchange and the EDI results file:

- **X (No Result)** – A result has not been issued. This may be because the candidate failed to submit work for any of the subject's components; there was an incorrect combination of units for certification; a candidate has been issued with more than one UCI or a script was not available to be marked. This will show as 'No Result' on statements of results.
- **# (partial absence)** – This character, used to denote partial absence, may be shown next to a grade if the candidate submitted work for some, but not all, of the subject's components/units.
- **Q (Pending)** – This is where a result is pending or is currently unavailable. In each instance we should have contacted your centre in advance to explain why the result is pending.

If you have not received any communication from us, please speak with your Head of Centre who will have more information about the issue. If you believe any of these indicators have been applied incorrectly, you may report this to OCR using the [missing and incomplete results service](#).

Note: Where candidates have been given an enhancement due to special consideration, there may not be an obvious correlation between the marks and grades shown on some of the results documents.

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BTEC Level 1/2 Firsts	BTEC Level 3 Nationals (teaching from 2014) BTEC (QCF) qualifications
Level 2 Distinction (D)	Distinction (D)
Level 2 Merit (M)	Merit (M)
Level 2 Pass (P)	Pass (P)
Level 1 Pass (L1)	

[What are 'raw marks', 'UMS marks' and points?](#)

The raw mark is the number of marks a learner achieved on an exam or assessment.

The UMS mark (Uniform Mark Scale mark) or points score is a conversion of the raw mark.

The raw mark is never shown on your results slip, so students will either see a UMS mark, a points score or no numerical mark at all.

Exams Officers can find the raw mark on the 'Component Mark List' report from Edexcel Online. If you have access to [ResultsPlus](#) or [ResultsPlus Direct](#), you can also find the raw mark on the question paper screen.

[Why do you use UMS marks?](#)

For some of our qualifications, components can be taken at different times throughout the course. For example, some of our Edexcel A level Mathematics exams can be completed in the first or second year of study.

To make sure that any differences in the difficulty of exams or assessments are taken into account when adding up your marks to give an overall grade, we convert the 'raw' or exam paper mark into a UMS mark.

UMS grade boundaries are fixed so they are the same for each exam session. Raw mark grade boundaries may change for each exam session.

[Why do you use points scores?](#)

Points scores are used in qualifications like Edexcel Functional Skills and BTECs. They are a numerical representation of Pass, Merit and Distinction grades.

Your overall qualification grade is calculated by converting your unit grades into points scores, adding them together and comparing your total points score to the grade boundaries.