

# Strathearn School, Belfast

**TO: U6 Students**

**RE: A2 Examination Review of Marking & Access to Script Deadlines**

**DATE: August 2018**

I hope you have achieved the grades you wished for and are happy with your A Level results. However, if you are disappointed with a particular A Level grade and feel that you did better in the examination than your grade reflects you can opt to have the marking of your modules reviewed. Examination board reviewers will check the original marking to ensure the agreed mark scheme has been correctly applied. All examination boards offer this service. Please note, you can only have modules that you sat in June 2018 reviewed, also, controlled assessment components can only be reviewed if the examination board moderators did not agree with the marks awarded by Strathearn.

If you decide to have a module reviewed it is important to note that **marks and grades can go up but they can also go down!** Therefore, careful consideration should be given before applying for a review.

## **Priority Review**

If your place at further/higher education is dependent on the outcome of the review you can opt to have a **Priority Review**. All applications for priority reviews must be received by **4pm Thursday 23 August** at the latest. The target completion of these reviews is 15 calendar days from when the examination board receives the request. Although exam boards complete reviews as quickly as possible, they cannot guarantee the results will be available to Universities by 31 August – the deadline for Universities to make their UCAS decisions. We therefore recommend that you submit your request by **1pm Friday 17 August**. The cost for a priority review is:

<i>Exam Board</i>	<i>Cost per module</i>
CCEA	£36.55
AQA	£51.75
Edexcel	£61.20
WJEC	£48.00

## **Normal Review**

If your place at further/higher education is not dependent on the outcome of the review you can opt to have a normal review. The deadline for requesting a normal review is **4pm Thursday 20 September**. The target completion of these reviews is 20 calendar days from when the examination board receives the request. The cost for a normal review is:

<i>Exam Board</i>	<i>Cost per module</i>
CCEA	£24.30
AQA	£43.45
Edexcel	£58.40
WJEC	£40.00

Please note if your overall A2 grade goes up as a result of the review the cost of the review enquiry will be refunded. If an individual unit grade goes up but it does not lead to the overall A2 grade going up CCEA and Edexcel will still charge the appropriate fee.

### **Access to Scripts**

If you are unsure whether to get a paper reviewed, you can request access to a photocopy of your script. The deadline for this service is **4pm Thursday 23 August**. School will receive the script no later than 6 September. You can then decide if you wish to have your paper reviewed. You cannot request a photocopy of your script and then opt for a priority review, the only review option available will be a normal review.

Please note - when requesting access to scripts, quality assurance measures on scripts prior to dispatch may result in a change to marks awarded.

If you have requested a paper to be reviewed, at an additional cost you can ask to see a photocopy of your script. This must be requested at the same time as the review request.

If you are not requesting a review but would like to see your exam paper you can request the original to be returned to you. Please note **if you request the original script you cannot then decide to have it reviewed**. The deadline for requesting your original script is **4pm Thursday 27 September**. Original scripts will be returned to centres by 7 November 2018. The cost for requesting either of these services is:

<i><b>Exam Board</b></i>	<i><b>Cost for each original</b></i>	<i><b>Cost for each photocopy</b></i>
CCEA	£6.30	£8.50
AQA	£11.30	£14.35
Edexcel	Free	Free*
WJEC	£11	£11

\* unless the photocopy is requested as part of the Review request in which case the cost to have the script returned is £12.20.

For those pupils who took A-Level Music there is the option to ask for the Candidate Assessment Forms back. This will be at a cost of £2.50. The deadline for requesting this is 1pm 7 September 2018.

### **What next?**

If you would like to request a review or request access to your script you will need to come into school and speak to me. When you come into school please bring with you the correct payment; all cheques should be made payable to Strathearn School. Reviews cannot be sent unless payment is received.

Please note the deadline for the service you require. These deadlines are set by the examination boards; they are not flexible. If a request is received after the deadline it will not be accepted.

If there is anything you are unsure about regarding reviews or script access or if there is anything you would like clarified, please phone the school and ask to speak to me.

Best wishes,  
**C Norris (Mrs)**  
***Examinations Officer***