

Strathearn School, Belfast

TO: U6 Students

RE: A2 Examination Remarks & Access to Script Deadlines

DATE: August 2015

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 modules remarked. All examination boards offer this service. Please note you can only have modules that you sat in June 2015 remarked and that controlled assessment components can only be remarked if the examination board moderators did not agree with the marks awarded by Strathearn.

If you decide to have a module remarked 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 remark.

Priority Remark

If your place at further/higher education is dependent on the outcome of the remark you can opt to have a **Priority Remark**. All applications for priority remarks must be received by ***1pm Friday 21 August*** at the latest. The target completion of these remarks is 18 calendar days from when the examination board receives the request. Although exam boards complete remarks 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 14 August***.

The cost for a priority remark is:

<i>Exam Board</i>	<i>Cost per module</i>
CCEA	£36.55
AQA	£46.20
Edexcel	£41.20
OCR	£52.50

Normal Remark

If your place at further/higher education is not dependent on the outcome of the remark you can opt to have a normal remark. The deadline for requesting a normal remark is ***1pm Friday 18 September***. The target completion of these remarks is 30 calendar days from when the examination board receives the request. The cost for a normal remark is:

<i>Exam Board</i>	<i>Cost per module</i>
CCEA	£24.30
AQA	£38.85
Edexcel*	£36.00
OCR	£42.50

*a remark of Drama unit 2 will cost £51.50

Please note if your overall A2 grade goes up as a result of the remark the cost of the remark 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 remarked you can request access to a photocopy of your script. The deadline for this service is *1pm Friday 21 August*. School will receive the script no later than 10 September. You can then decide if you wish to have your paper remarked. You cannot request a photocopy of your script and then opt for a priority remark, the only remark option available will be a normal remark.

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

If you have requested a paper to be remarked, at an additional cost you can ask to see a photocopy of your script. This must be requested at the same time as the remark request. If you are not requesting a remark 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 remarked**. The deadline for requesting your original script is *1pm Friday 2 October*. Original scripts will be returned to centres by 13 November 2015. The cost for requesting either of these services is:

<i>Exam Board</i>	<i>Cost for each original</i>	<i>Cost for each photocopy</i>
CCEA*	£6.30	£8.50
AQA	£10.10	£12.85
Edexcel	£7.75	£10.30
OCR	£10.20	£10.60

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 28 August 2015.

What next ?

If you would like to request a remark 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. Remarks 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 remarks 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