

Explanation of Results

GCSE

Overall UMS grade boundaries:

	Max	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Additional Applied Science	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Additional Science	320	288	256	224	192	160	128	96	64
Applications of Mathematics	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Applied Business Double Award	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Applied Business Single Award	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Biology	320	288	256	224	192	160	128	96	64
Catering	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Chemistry	320	288	256	224	192	160	128	96	64
Computer Science	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Design & Technology: Food Technology	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Design & Technology: Graphic Products	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Design & Technology: Product Design	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Design & Technology: Resistant Materials Technology	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Design & Technology: Systems and Control Technology	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Design & Technology: Textiles Technology	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Drama	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Electronics	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
English (Not available in Wales)	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
English Language	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
English Literature	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
French	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Geography Specification A	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Geography Specification B	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
German	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Health and Social Care Double Award	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Health and Social Care Single Award	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
History	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Home Economics: Child Development	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Home Economics: Food and Nutrition	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Home Economics: Textiles	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Hospitality	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Hospitality and Catering Double Award	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Humanities	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
ICT	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
ICT (Short Course)	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
Leisure and Tourism Double Award	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Leisure and Tourism Single Award	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Mathematics (Unitised)	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Media Studies	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Methods in Mathematics	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Music	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Performing Arts Double Award	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Performing Arts Single Award	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40

	Max	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Personal and Social Education (Short Course)	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Physical Education	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Physical Education (Short Course)	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
Physics	320	288	256	224	192	160	128	96	64
Preparation for Working Life (Short Course)	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Psychology	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Religious Studies A	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Religious Studies A (Short Course)	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
Religious Studies B	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Religious Studies B (Short Course)	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
Science A	320	288	256	224	192	160	128	96	64
Science B	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Sociology	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Spanish	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Welsh	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Welsh Literature	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Welsh Second Language	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Welsh Second Language (Short Course)	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
Welsh Second Language Applied	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Welsh Second Language Applied (Short Course)	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20

Single Awards

A pass in a GCSE subject is indicated by one of the eight grades A* (a*), A (a), B (b), C (c), D (d), E (e), F (f) and G(g), of which Grade A* (a*) is the highest and Grade G (g) the lowest. Candidates whose level of attainment is below the minimum judged by WJEC to be of sufficient standard to be recorded on a GCSE certificate will receive an UNCLASSIFIED (U(u)) result.

Double Awards

The results in these specifications are reported on a 15-point scale of grades: A* A* (a*a*), A* A (a*a), AA(aa), AB (ab), BB (bb), BC (bc), CC (cc), CD (cd), DD (dd), DE (de), EE (ee), EF (ef), FF (ff), FG (fg), GG (gg). The grade is recorded **twice** on the certificate to indicate that the results in these specifications have the same status as GCSE grades in **two** other single-certificate subjects.

GCSE Short Course

The Short Course is designed to cover not less than half the specification content of the corresponding full GCSE subject course of study and the same grading standards are applied. The GCSE (Short Course) is, therefore, broadly equivalent to half the corresponding full GCSE.

Speaking and Listening (for 4190/LA and 4170/LA only)

Speaking and listening assessments will not be counted towards final grades in GCSE English (4190/LA) and English Language (4170/LA). Results for speaking and listening are therefore reported alongside the overall grade on a 5 point scale of grades: 5 (the highest grade achievable), 4, 3, 2, 1.

The mark to grade point conversion is listed below:

Grade	5	4	3	2	1	U
Raw Mark Grade Boundary	32	28	24	17	10	00

NB: If the candidate was absent for the speaking and listening component and no previous speaking and listening mark can be used, no grade will be listed alongside the overall grade.

For English Language (4940/SA) speaking and listening will continue to be a part of the overall qualification.

GCSE UNIT RESULTS

All unclassified GCSE schemes use a nationally agreed uniform mark scale (UMS) to report the result of each unit and subject awards. The maximum uniform mark for a subject depends upon the total number of units contributing to the qualification and the maximum uniform mark for a unit depends upon the importance (weighting) of the unit within the qualification.

There are a number of separate UMS, each with a different maximum unit mark. The maximum uniform mark for each unit is given below. The minimum uniform mark required for each grade of a Unit Result for each UMS are:

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Maximum Uniform Mark of 20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4
Maximum Uniform Mark of 40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	8
Maximum Uniform Mark of 50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10
Maximum Uniform Mark of 60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12
Maximum Uniform Mark of 70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14
Maximum Uniform Mark of 80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16
Maximum Uniform Mark of 90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18
Maximum Uniform Mark of 100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
Maximum Uniform Mark of 120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24

The maximum UMS for the foundation tier is set at one mark below the minimum UMS required for grade b. In a foundation tier unit targeted at grades c – g, the maximum uniform mark available will be equivalent to a top grade c. Unit results below the minimum judged by WJEC to be of sufficient standard will receive an unclassified (u) notional grade. Candidates who narrowly fail to achieve grade d on the higher tier will be awarded grade e. Unclassified results (u) will be issued to candidates in higher tier units who fail to reach the standard for the award of grade e.

X indicates that a result is not being issued because of absence from all parts of the examination or because of a decision not to issue a result for any other reason. The subject will not appear on a certificate.

Alongside grade for aggregated subject award = Candidate has been entered for all requisite units for the award, but is recorded as absent for one or more units.

GCSE Units – Maximum UMS Mark for each subject unit

Subject Unit	Max UMS	Subject Unit	Max UMS
*Additional Applied Science Unit 1	80	Humanities Unit 1	50
Additional Applied Science Unit 2	120	Humanities Unit 2	50
*Additional Science – Biology 2	80	Humanities Unit 3	50
*Additional Science – Chemistry 2	80	Humanities Unit 4	50
*Additional Science – Physics 2	80	ICT Unit 1	40
Additional Science – Controlled Assessment	80	ICT Unit 2	60
Applied Business Unit 1	120	ICT Unit 3	40
Applied Business Unit 2	80	ICT Unit 4	60
Applied Business Unit 3	120	Leisure & Tourism Unit 1	120
Applied Business Unit 4	80	Leisure & Tourism Unit 2	80
*Biology 3	80	Leisure & Tourism Unit 3	120
Biology Controlled Assessment	80	Leisure & Tourism Unit 4	80
*Chemistry 3	80	*Mathematics Unit 1	60
Chemistry Controlled Assessment	80	*Mathematics Unit 2	60
Computer Science Unit 1	90	*Mathematics Unit 3	80
Computer Science Unit 2	60	*Mathematics (Applications) Unit 1	100
Computer Science Unit 3	50	*Mathematics (Applications) Unit 2	100
Design & Technology Unit 1	80	*Mathematics (Methods) Unit 1	100
Design & Technology Unit 2	120	*Mathematics (Methods) Unit 2	100
Drama Unit 1	120	Media Studies Unit 1	80
Drama Unit 2	40	Media Studies Unit 2	120
Drama Unit 3	40	Music Unit 1	60
Electronics Unit 1	70	Music Unit 2	60
Electronics Unit 2	80	Music Unit 3	80

