

Review of marking of centre marks for GCE and GCSE non-examination assessments Policy 2021-22

Fullbrook is committed to ensuring that whenever its staff mark candidates' work this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents.

Candidates' work will be marked by staff who have appropriate knowledge, understanding and skill, and who have been trained in this activity. Fullbrook is committed to ensuring that work produced by candidates is authenticated in line with the requirements of the awarding body. Where a number of subject teachers are involved in marking candidates' work, internal moderation and standardisation will ensure consistency of marking.

It is the responsibility of the Head of Faculty to provide the Exams Office and Head of Centre with a timeline to include student deadlines, moderation dates, release of marks to students, review and outcome dates.

1. Fullbrook will ensure that candidates are informed in writing of their centre assessed marks (not grades, as boundaries have not been established) so that they may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body. The deadline for a written request for a review of marking is 5 calendar days from receipt of the centre assessed mark(s). Each Exam board may have a different deadline.
2. Fullbrook will issue a copy of the mark scheme to candidates with their centre assessed mark(s), to assist them in considering whether to request a review of the centre's marking of the assessment.
3. Fullbrook will provide a clear deadline for candidates to submit a request for a review of the centre's marking. Requests will not be accepted after this deadline. Requests **must** be made in writing (by completing the 'internal appeals form') by students, together with written confirmation by parents/carers within 5 calendar days of receiving mark(s). The administrative cost of a review of marking is £25, which is **payable at the time of requesting the review**.
4. Fullbrook will allow sufficient time (5 working days where possible) for the review to be carried out, to make any necessary changes to marks and to inform the candidate of the outcome, all before the awarding body's deadline.
5. Fullbrook will ensure that the review of marking is carried out by an assessor who has appropriate competence, has had no previous involvement in the assessment of that candidate and has no personal interest in the review.
6. Fullbrook will instruct the reviewer to ensure that the candidate's mark is consistent with the standard set by the centre.
7. Fullbrook will inform the candidate in writing of the outcome of the review of the centre's marking.
8. The outcome of the review of the centre's marking will be made known to the head of centre. A written record of the review will be kept and made available to the awarding body upon request.

The moderation process carried out by the awarding bodies may result in a mark change, either upwards or downwards, even after an internal review. The internal review process is in place to ensure consistency of marking within the centre, whereas moderation by the awarding body ensures that centre marking is in line with national standards. The mark submitted to the awarding body is subject to change and should therefore be considered provisional.

This policy will be reviewed annually. Date of next review is September 2022