



POLICY ON INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS FOR EXTERNAL QUALIFICATIONS

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In accordance with the Code of Practice for the conduct of external qualifications by QCA, Wollaston School is committed to ensuring that:

- Internal assessments are conducted by staff who have the appropriate knowledge, understanding and skills.
- Assessment evidence provided by candidates has been produced and authenticated according to the requirements of the specification.
- The consistency of the internal assessment is secured through internal standardisation as necessary.
- Staff responsible for internal standardisation attend any compulsory training sessions.

Written appeals procedure

Each awarding body publishes its arrangements for appeals against its decisions. In addition, an appeal can be made to the School concerning internal assessment:

- The appeal applies only to the procedures used in arriving at internal assessment decisions and does not apply to the judgement themselves; you cannot appeal against the mark or grade only the procedures used.
- The parent or guardian must make the appeal in writing to the School's Examinations Officer:

Appeals should normally be made by 30th April for examination in the summer series. This deadline may be extended in exceptional circumstances in situation where the coursework marking and moderation schedule extends beyond this time;

- The enquiry into the internal process will normally be led by the Examinations Officer and the Head of Upper School (for GCSE's) or Head of Sixth Form (for GCE, GNVQ) provided that they have not played any part in the original internal assessment process
- The teacher making the assessment will be able to respond to the appeal in writing and a copy will be sent to the appellant
- The enquiry will consider whether the procedures used for the internal assessment were in conformity with the published requirements of the Awarding Body and the 'Code of Practice'.

The appellant will be informed in writing of the outcome of the appeal, including:

- Relevant communications with the Awarding Body
- Any steps taken to further protect the interests of the candidates

If the appellant is unhappy about the response in writing, he/she can ask for a personal hearing, where the panel will consist of two persons not previously involved, normally the Head Teacher and a member of the Governing body.

This policy is available to students and parents on the Wollaston School website.

<http://www.wollastonschool.com/parents/exam-arrangements/>

Note:

Each awarding body specifies detailed criteria for the internal assessment of work. In addition, the awarding body must moderate the assessment and final judgement on marks awarded is that of the awarding body. Appeals against matters outside the Schools control will not be considered in the School's Appeals Procedure.

Enquiries About Results:

In cases of EARs where the school does not uphold a request for such an enquiry, the student may normally pay to have an enquiry carried out.

Where the student wishes to challenge the decision not to hold an enquiry or consequent appeal, a similar procedure to that mentioned above will be carried out.