

August 2026

Dear Class of 2026,

I am writing to congratulate you for all your hard work during the past two years of your Balshaw's career, and I hope you have seen the rewards of your hard work reflected in your exam results and that your grades will provide you with exciting opportunities you moving forward.

Whilst we hope you are pleased with all your GCSE and vocational grades, we understand that some of you may be disappointed with some of your results, and you may feel that your performance in the exam is not reflected in the grade you have received. If this is the case for you, then I would like to make you aware that you do have the option to request a review of marking. Essentially, this would involve the school requesting that the relevant exam board review one or more of your papers in that subject. The exam boards do charge candidates a cost for this service, and please be aware that a review may result in marks being taken off the overall mark awarded to you and consequently, your grade going down. Equally, a review of marking may result in your grade going up.

To help you make this decision please refer to the grade boundaries available on the website by 9am Friday 21st August 2026, which can be compared with the marks on your results sheet. If you are close to the next grade up in a particular subject, you may wish to pay for a review. The cost of the review per paper for each exam board is included below for your information. Students will be required to come into school to sign a consent form for the review. **Payment must be made to the school prior** to the request being submitted to the exam board.

AQA Review of Marking Fee	OCR Review of Marking Fee	PEARSON Review of Marking Fee	EDUQAS Review of Marking Fee
£44.85 per exam paper	£67.75 per exam paper	£50.00 per exam paper	£45.00 per exam paper

If you would like to request a review of marking, please scan the QR code below and complete the online form by no later than **Friday 4th September**.



Your teachers will also be analysing grades, grade boundaries and examination scripts to identify any potential review of marking requests from a school perspective.

If you require any further information, please contact Miss Brook, Examinations Officer, via email at c.brook@balshaws.org.uk.

Finally, I would like to reiterate that you are more than a set of grades. You are all exceptional, inspiring, and talented young people, who are unique and special in your own way. All of your Balshaw's staff couldn't be prouder of you, both individually and as a year group.

Congratulations again on all your achievements during your time at Balshaw's, and good luck wherever you choose to go in the future. You will always be a Balshavian.

Yours faithfully,

A. Wilson

Mrs A. Wilson
Deputy Headteacher