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Dear Students,

I would like to congratulate you for all your hard work during the past two years, and I hope you have seen the rewards of this through your exam grades and the opportunities that these will have provided to you.

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 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 marks could go down as well as up.

To help you make this decision a table of grade boundaries by subject will be available on the school website, which can be compared to 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 and 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
£42.00 per exam paper	£61.50 per exam paper	£44.50 per exam paper	£40.00 per exam paper

If you would like to register interest in requesting a review of marking, please complete the online form via the following link by no later than **Friday 6th September**:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UfKrNdy3m0>

Once you have registered your interest a member of staff will contact you to discuss your options.

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 the Balshaw's staff couldn't be prouder of you.

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

Yours faithfully,

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