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At Woodhey High School our vision is:

To be a centre of excellence, where students, staff and the community are proud to work together to broaden our horizons, exceed our aspirations and where everyone achieves their full potential.

#TeamWoodhey

At Woodhey High School, we have two key values that drive our actions, our choices, and our decisions.

These are:

Respect

We treat everyone as we wish to be treated ourselves; we are all part of the same team

Excellence

We strive to be the best we can be at all times; nothing but the best is good enough for us

Underpinning our values are two clear expectations.

These are:

Respect every member of staff and student in our community, following all instructions without answering back

Being excellent by being prepared for, and completing all work to the best of our ability without distracting others

We are a team made up of our staff, our students, our parents and carers, and our wider community. Our vision, values and expectations apply to all of our community.

Teamwork is the secret that makes common people achieve uncommon results (Ifeyanyi Enoch Onuoha)

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Internal Appeals Policy (NEA) (Exams) 2025-26

Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name(s)
Head of Centre	Dean Watson
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This procedure is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that appeals against internal assessment decisions (centre assessed marks) at Woodhey High School are managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations in the JCQ publications General Regulations for Approved Centres (GR 5.7), Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (ICNEA 6.1). This procedure is also informed by the JCQ publications Reviews of marking (centre assessed marks) suggested template for centres and Notice to Centres - Informing candidates of their centre assessed marks.

Introduction

Certain qualifications contain components of non-examination assessment (or units of coursework) which are internally assessed (marked) by Woodhey High School and internally reviewed/standardised. The marks awarded (the internal assessment decisions) which contribute to the final grade of the qualification are then submitted by the deadline set by the awarding body for external moderation.

The moderation process carried out by the awarding body 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.

The qualifications delivered at Woodhey High School containing components of non-examination assessment/units of coursework are:

- GCSEs
- OCR Cambridge Nationals
- BTEC

Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this procedure is to confirm the arrangements at Woodhey High School for dealing with candidate appeals relating to internal assessment decisions.

This procedure ensures compliance with JCQ regulations which state that centres must:



- Have in place and be available for inspection purposes, a written internal appeals procedure relating to internal assessment decisions and to ensure that details of this procedure are communicated, made widely available and accessible to all candidates
- Before submitting marks to the awarding body inform candidates of their centre assessed marks and allow a candidate to request a review of the centre's marking

Principles relating to centre assessed marks

The head of centre/senior leader(s) at Woodhey High School will ensure that the following principles are in place in relation to marking the work of candidates:

- A commitment to ensuring that whenever teaching staff mark candidates' work, that this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents
- All centre staff follow a robust Non-examination Assessment Policy (for the management of non-examination assessments). This policy details all procedures relating to non-examination assessments for relevant qualifications delivered in the centre, including the marking and quality assurance/internal standardisation processes which relevant teaching staff are required to follow
- Candidates' work will be marked by staff who have appropriate knowledge, understanding and skill, and who have been trained in this activity
- A commitment to ensuring that work produced by candidates is authenticated in line with the requirements of the awarding body. Where more than one subject teacher/tutor is involved in marking candidates' work, internal moderation and standardisation will ensure consistency of marking
- On being informed of their centre assessed mark(s), if candidates believes that the above procedures were not followed in relation to the marking of their work, or that the assessor has not properly applied the marking standards to their marking, then they may make use of the internal appeals procedure below to consider whether to request a review of the centre's marking

Procedure for appealing internal assessment decisions (centre assessed marks)

The head of centre/senior leader(s) at Woodhey High School will:

- Ensure that candidates are informed of their centre assessed marks so that they may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body
- Inform candidates that they will need to explain on what grounds they wish to request a review of an internally assessed mark as a review will only focus on the quality of work submitted
- Inform candidates that they may request copies of materials (generally as a minimum, a copy of the marked assessment material (work) and the mark scheme or assessment criteria plus additional materials which may vary from subject to subject) to assist them in considering whether to request a review of the centre's marking of the assessment
- Having received a request for copies of materials, promptly make them available to the candidate (for some marked assessment materials, such as artwork and recordings, inform the candidate that the originals will be shared under supervised conditions) within the period of time as specified (see Deadlines below)
- Provide candidates with sufficient time to allow them to review copies of materials and reach a decision, informing candidates that if their decision is to request a review they will need to explain what they believe the issue to be
- Provide a clear deadline for candidates to submit a request for a review of the centre's marking and confirm understanding that requests must be made in writing and will not be accepted after this deadline (see Deadlines below)



Deadlines for the submission of marks

Date	Qualification	Details	Exam Series
15/05/2026	Cambridge Nationals	Child Development	Summer 2026
07/05/2026	GCSE	AQA – with the exception of Art and Design Technology	Summer 2026
31/05/2026	GCSE	AQA – Art and Design	Summer 2026
07/05/2026	GCSE	Edexcel – All subjects with the exception of Art and Design	Summer 2026
31/05/2026	GCSE	Edexcel – Art and Design	Summer 2026
15/03/2026	GCSE	OCR PE	Summer 2026
15/05/2026	Cambridge Nationals / GCSE	OCR – All subjects	Summer 2026

Assessment of Candidates' Work

Woodhey High School 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.

Woodhey High School ensures that all centre staff follow robust Coursework (for the management of ELC and OCR Cambridge Nationals) and Non-examination Assessment Policies (for the management of GCE and GCSE non-examination assessments). These policies details all procedures relating to coursework and non-examination assessments for ELC, GCE, GCSE, OCR Cambridge Nationals and Project qualifications, including the marking and quality assurance/internal standardisation processes which relevant teaching staff are required to follow.

Candidates' work will be marked by staff who have appropriate knowledge, understanding and skill, and who have been trained in this activity. Woodhey High School is committed to ensuring that work produced by candidates is authenticated in line with the requirements of the awarding body. Where more than one subject teacher/tutor is involved in marking candidates' work, internal moderation and standardisation will ensure consistency of marking.

On being informed of their centre assessed marks, if a candidate believes that the above procedures were not followed in relation to the marking of their work, or that the assessor has not properly applied the marking standards to their marking, then they may make use of the appeals procedure below to consider whether to request a review of the centre's marking.

Woodhey High School will:

- 1. ensure that candidates are informed of their centre assessed marks so that they may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body
- 2. inform candidates that they will need to explain on what grounds they wish to request a review of an internally assessed mark as a review will only focus on the quality of their work in meeting the published assessment criteria
- 3. inform candidates that they may request copies of materials (generally as a minimum, a copy of the marked assessment material (work) and the mark scheme or assessment criteria plus additional materials which may vary from subject to subject) to assist them in considering whether to request a review of the centre's marking of the assessment
- 4. having received a request for copies of materials, promptly make them available to the candidate (or for some marked assessment materials, such as art work and recordings, inform the candidate that the originals will be shared under supervised conditions) within 2 working days



- 5. inform candidates they will not be allowed access to original assessment material unless supervised
- 6. provide candidates with sufficient time in order to allow them to review copies of materials and reach a decision, informing candidates that if their decision is to request a review, they will need to explain what they believe the issue to be
- 7. 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 within 5 working days after receiving the awarded mark by completing the internal appeals form and returning it to the Exams Officer
- 8. allow 4 working days 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 for the submission of marks
- 9. 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 for the component in question and has no personal interest in the outcome of the review
- 10. instruct the reviewer to ensure that the candidate's mark is consistent with the standard set by the centre
- 11. inform the candidate in writing of the outcome of the review of the centre's marking

The outcome of the review of the centre's marking will be made known to the Head of Centre who will have the final decision if there is any disagreement on the mark to be submitted to the awarding body. A written record of the review will be kept and made available to the awarding body upon request.

The awarding body will be informed if the centre does not accept the outcome of a review.

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 procedure is informed by the JCQ publications Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (6.1), Review of marking (centre assessed marks) suggested template for centres. And Notice to Centres -Informing candidates of their centre assessed marks

Appeals relating to centre's decision not to support a clerical re-check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal

This procedure confirms Woodhey High School's compliance with JCQ's General Regulations for Approved Centres (section 5.13) that the centre will:

- Have available for inspection purposes and draw to the attention of candidates and their parents or carers, a written internal appeals procedure to manage disputes when a candidate disagrees with a centre decision not to support an online application for a clerical re-check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal
- Following the issue of results, awarding bodies make post-results services available. At Woodhey High School candidates and their parents and carers are made aware of the availability of post results services. Full details of these services, internal deadlines for requesting a service and fees charged are provided by the Exams Officer as part of the candidate's examinations results package.



- Candidates and their parents and carers are also informed of the arrangements for post-results services before they sit any exams. The information is included in the information pack sent to them confirming their exam entries.
- Candidates are also made aware of the arrangements for post-results services prior to the issue of results. Candidates are also informed of the periods during which senior members of centre staff will be available/accessible immediately after the publication of results so that results may be discussed, and decisions made on the submission of reviews of marking.
- Candidates are made aware/informed by letter.
- If the centre or a candidate (or their parent or carer) has a concern and believes a result may not be accurate, post-results services may be considered.

The JCQ post-results services currently available are detailed below.

Reviews of Results (RoRs):

- **Service 1 (Clerical re-check)**

This is the only service that can be requested for objective tests (multiple choice tests)

- **Service 2 (Review of marking/ Review of results [RoR])**
- **Priority Service 2 (Review of marking)**

This service is only available for externally assessed components of GCE A-level specifications (an individual awarding body may also offer this priority service for other qualifications)

- **Service 3 (Review of moderation)**

This service is not available to an individual candidate

- **Access to Scripts (ATS)**

Copies of scripts to support reviews of marking

Copies of scripts to support teaching and learning

Where a concern is expressed that a particular result may not be accurate, the centre will look at the marks awarded for each component part of the qualification alongside any mark schemes, relevant result reports, grade boundary information etc. when made available by the awarding body to determine if the centre supports any concerns.

Since Woodhey High School has already paid for the original entry, the candidate would have to bear the cost of these services. School will offer advice to the candidate and their parents and carers about whether the use of these services is a sensible option follow but the final decision about whether to proceed is with the candidate and their parents or carers.

Candidate consent can only be collected after the publication of results.

For services 1 and 2 as the candidate must pay for the RoR, Woodhey High School will offer advice only on a course of action. The final decision must be made by the candidate and their parents or carers. Woodhey High will not refuse a service 1 or 2 request that is paid for the candidate .

Service 3 - Moderation review (controlled assessments) – This service is not available to individual candidates. If a query is raised about a particular examination result, the Exams Officer, SLT & teaching staff will investigate the feasibility of requesting an enquiry at the centre's expense.

For written components that contributed to the final result, the centre will:

1. Where a place a university or college is at risk, consider supporting a request for a Priority Service 2 review of marking



2. In all other instances, consider accessing the script by:
 - a) (where the service is made available by the awarding body) requesting a priority copy of the candidate's script to support a review of marking by the awarding body deadline or
 - b) (where the option is made available by the awarding body) viewing the candidate's marked script online to consider if requesting a review of marking is appropriate
3. Collect informed written consent/permission from the candidate to access his/her script
4. On access to the script, consider if it is felt that the agreed mark scheme has been applied correctly in the original marking and if the centre considers there are any errors in the marking
5. Support a request for the appropriate RoR service (clerical re-check or review of marking) if any error is identified
6. Collect informed written consent from the candidate to request the RoR service before the request is submitted
7. Where relevant, advise an affected candidate to inform any third party (such as a university or college) that a review of marking has been submitted to an awarding body

Written candidate consent (informed consent via candidate email is acceptable) is required in all cases before a request for a RoR service 1 or 2 (including priority service 2) is submitted to the awarding body. Consent is required to confirm the candidate understands that the final subject grade and/or mark awarded following a clerical re-check or a review of marking, and any subsequent appeal, may be lower than, higher than, or the same as the result which was originally awarded. Candidate consent must only be collected after the publication of results.

For any moderated components that contributed to the final result, the centre will:

- Confirm that a review of moderation cannot be undertaken on the work of an individual candidate or the work of candidates not in the original sample submitted for moderation
- Consult the moderator's report/feedback to identify any issues raised
- Determine if the centre's internally assessed marks have been accepted without change by the awarding body – if this is the case, a RoR service 3 (Review of moderation) will not be available
- Determine if there are any grounds to submit a request for a review of moderation for the work of all candidates in the original sample
- Inform the candidate that a review of moderation (RoR service 3) cannot be requested for the work of an individual candidate or the work of a candidate not in the original sample

Where a candidate disagrees with a centre decision not to support a review of moderation, the centre will:

- Inform the candidate (or his/her parent/carer) that an internal appeal can be submitted to the centre by completing the internal appeals form at least one week prior to the internal deadline for submitting a request for a review. The appellant will be informed of the outcome of his/her appeal, before the internal deadline for submitting a RoR.
- Following the RoR outcome, an external appeals process is available if the Head of Centre remains dissatisfied with the outcome and believes there are grounds for appeal. The JCQ publications Post-Results Services and JCQ Appeals Booklet (A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes) will be consulted to determine the acceptable grounds for a preliminary appeal.
- Where the Head of Centre is satisfied after receiving the RoR outcome, but the candidate (or his/her parent/carer) believes there are grounds for a preliminary appeal to the awarding body, a further internal appeal may be made to the head of centre. Following this, the Head of Centre's decision as to whether to proceed with a preliminary appeal will be based upon the acceptable grounds as detailed in the JCQ Appeals Booklet. Candidates or parents and carers are not permitted to make direct representations to an awarding body.



- The internal appeals form should be completed and submitted to the centre within 10 calendar days of the notification of the outcome of the RoR. Subject to the Head of Centre's decision, this will allow the centre to process the preliminary appeal and submit to the awarding body within the required 30 calendar days of the awarding body issuing the outcome receiving the outcome of the review of results process. Awarding body fees which may be charged for the preliminary appeal must be paid to the centre by the appellant before the preliminary appeal is submitted to the awarding body (fees are available from the Exams Officer). If the appeal is upheld by the awarding body, this fee will be refunded by the awarding body and repaid to the appellant by the centre.

Appeals regarding centre decisions relating to access arrangements and special consideration

This procedure confirms Woodhey High School's compliance with JCQ's General Regulations for Approved Centres (section 5.3x) that the centre will:

- Have in place and available for inspection a written internal appeals procedure which must cover at least appeals regarding centre decisions relating to access arrangements and special consideration Woodhey High School will:
- Comply with the principles and regulations governing access arrangements and special consideration as set out in the JCQ publications Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments and A guide to the special consideration process
- Ensure that all staff who manage and implement access arrangements and special consideration are aware of the requirements and are appropriately supported and resourced

Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments

In accordance with the regulations, Woodhey High School will:

- Recognise its duty to explore and provide access to suitable courses, through the access arrangements process submit applications for reasonable adjustments and make reasonable adjustments to the service the centre provides to disabled candidates.
- Comply with its responsibilities in identifying, determining and implementing appropriate access arrangements and reasonable adjustments

Failure to comply with the regulations have the potential to constitute malpractice which may impact on a candidate's result(s). Examples of failure to comply include:

- Putting in place access arrangements/adjustments that are not approved
- Failing to consider putting in place access arrangements (which may be a failure to comply with the duty to make reasonable adjustments)
- Permitting access arrangements/adjustments within the centre which are not supported by appropriate evidence
- Charging a fee for providing reasonable adjustments to disabled candidates

Special Consideration

Where Woodhey High School can provide signed evidence to support an application, it will apply for special consideration at the time of the assessment for a candidate who has temporarily experienced illness, injury or some other event outside of their control when the issue or event has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on the candidate's ability to take an assessment or demonstrate his or her normal level of attainment in an assessment.



Centre decisions relating to access arrangements, reasonable adjustments and special consideration

This may include Woodhey High School's decision not to make/apply for a specific reasonable adjustment or to apply for special consideration, in circumstances where a candidate does not meet the criteria for, or there is no evidence/insufficient evidence to support the implementation of an access arrangement/reasonable adjustment or the application of special consideration.

Where Woodhey High School makes a decision in relation to the access arrangement(s), reasonable adjustment(s) or special consideration that apply for a candidate or candidates:

- If a candidate who is the subject of the relevant decision (or the candidate's parent or carer) disagrees with the decision made and reasonably believes that the centre has not complied with its responsibilities or followed due procedures, a written request setting out the grounds for appeal should be submitted.
- The internal appeals form should be completed and submitted to the centre within 10 calendar days of the notification of the decision being made by the appellant.
- To determine the outcome of the appeal, the head of centre will consult the respective JCQ publication to confirm the centre has complied with the principles and regulations governing access arrangements and/or special consideration and followed due procedures. The appellant will be informed of the outcome of the appeal within 30 calendar days of the appeal being received and logged by the centre.
- If the appeal is upheld, Woodhey High School will proceed to implement the necessary arrangements/submit the necessary application.

This procedure is informed by the JCQ publications A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes (section 3), Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures (section 3.3), General Regulations for Approved Centres (section 5.4), Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (Importance of these regulations) and A guide to the special consideration process (sections 1, 2, 6) and Appeals regarding centre decisions relating to other administrative issues.

Circumstances may arise that cause Woodhey High School to make decisions on administrative issues that may affect a candidate's examinations/assessments.

Where Woodhey High School may make a decision that affects a candidate or candidates:

- If a candidate who is the subject of the relevant decision (or the candidate's parent/carer) disagrees with the decision made and reasonably believes that the centre has not complied the regulations or followed due process, a written request setting out the grounds for appeal should be submitted.
- The internal appeals form should be completed and submitted to the centre within 10 calendar days of the notification of the decision being made by the appellant.

The appellant will be informed of the outcome of the appeal within 30 calendar days of the appeal being received and logged by the centre.



Appendix 1: Woodhey High School Internal Appeals Form

Please tick box to indicate the nature of your appeal and complete all white boxes on the form below:

- Appeal against an internal assessment decision and/or request for a review of marking
- Appeal against the centre's decision not to support a clerical re-check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal
- Appeal against the centre's decision relating to access arrangements or special consideration
- Appeal against the centre's decision relating to an administrative issue

For centre use only	
Date received:	
Reference No.:	

Name of appellant:		Candidate name (if different to appellant)	
Awarding body:		Exam paper code:	
Qualification type:		Exam paper title:	
Subject:			
Please state the grounds for your appeal below:			

If applicable, tick the box below:

- Where my appeal is against an internal assessment decision, I wish to request a review of the centre's marking

(If necessary, continue on an additional page if this form is being completed electronically or overleaf if hard copy is being completed)

Appellant signature:		Date of signature:	
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This form must be signed, dated and returned to the Exams Officer on behalf of the Head of Centre to the timescale indicated in the relevant appeals procedure.



