

July 2026

Dear Year 11 parents/carers and Year 11 students

Results Day Arrangements

GCSE results day is on Thursday, 20 August 2026. Results will be available for collection from 8.00 am – 10.30 am in the Exhibition Space.

If a student is unable to collect their results in person, they can complete and return the attached slip, indicating whether they would like their results emailed to them or that they will be sending a representative in to school to collect them. Any results that are emailed to candidates will be sent out after 9.00 am. If a representative is sent to collect results, they will need to bring photographic identification with them. **Results will not be given to representatives who arrive without ID.**

Results statements that are not collected on Thursday, 20 August 2026 will be mailed, by 2nd class post, to the address that we hold on our MIS system.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that students should be able to see their results on the Education Record app after 11.00 am on results day. Depending on data transfer, some results may take more time, and pupils should not be worried if there is a delay in seeing their results on the app.

Post-results Arrangements

Results day is an intense day for candidates and their families. It can be useful to talk through the things that might happen before results day and have a plan in mind for each case scenario. It is hard to make good decisions on an emotional day, but easier to consider things dispassionately beforehand. Consider how plans might need to change if results are much worse or much better than expected.

Obviously, we hope that our students will be happy with their results and that they will have achieved the grades they need to attend their preferred post-16 provider. However, if the result they achieve in any of their exams is less than they were expecting, there are a number of options available to them.

Firstly, we would recommend that students make contact with their post-16 provider and discuss the situation.

Secondly, students should contact Mrs Henderson (Exams Manager) about gaining permission for the school to access to their script(s). The papers will then be passed on to the appropriate Head of Department to review. This will then enable us to provide an informed decision about the best way to proceed.

One option that the Head of Department may recommend is to make use of one of the post results services offered by the awarding bodies. These services are often expensive (although they can also be free), and there are some complex considerations around which strategy to adopt. We strongly recommend that these options are discussed thoroughly before submitting a request, as they can result in grades going down, as well as up or staying the same. Post result services include:

- a marking review - It is not a re-marking of the candidate's script, just a review of the original marking to ensure that the agreed mark scheme has been applied correctly. In a review of marking, the grade can go down as well as up, so we advise that you only ask for a review if you are already close to the boundary of the grade above. In examinations involving several papers, you pay for each paper that is reviewed, and we advise getting one paper reviewed at a time. If you get two papers reviewed in the same subject at the same time, you may find that one mark goes up while another goes down, and you could end up no better off.
- a clerical check - This checks that all of the script has been marked, that the marks have been totalled and recorded correctly and that the thresholds and special considerations (where applicable) have been applied appropriately.

The appropriate documents will need to be completed to use these services. These will be available to candidates on results day.

We will also be available to help. The school will be open on Thursday, 20 August until 3.30 pm. Please report to the main reception where a member of staff will be available to help you. Additionally, Mrs Henderson (Exams Manager) will be available on Friday, 21 August from 8.30 am until 3.30 pm to answer any questions via email hendersonjo@goldington.beds.sch.uk.

I hope that you find this information useful. If you have any queries which are not answered here or on our website, then please do not hesitate to contact our Exams Manager (Mrs Henderson) via email (examoffice@goldington.beds.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely



Miss S Thomas
Assistant Headteacher



Candidate permission form – results collection

Results day: **Thursday, 20 August 2026**

Uncollected results will be posted out at the end of results day by 2nd class mail to the address held on our MIS system¹. If you require your results by another method, please tick the relevant box and complete the required information.

Candidate name			
<input type="checkbox"/> Results should be sent to my email address _____@_____			
<input type="checkbox"/> I give permission for my representative _____ to collect results on my behalf. I confirm that my representative will provide photographic ID on collection.			
Candidate signature		Date	

¹ Any change of address should be notified through the official change in details process. Goldington Academy does not take any responsibility for results information sent out to addresses where this process has not been followed.

Completed forms should be returned to Mrs Henderson (Exams Manager) at examoffice@goldington.beds.sch.uk by
Wednesday, 15 July 2026.



GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

RESULTS AND POST-RESULTS SUMMER 2026

Centre Number: 15171



**Please read this document carefully
and retain it for future reference.**

If there are any questions we have not answered in this guidance, please contact the Exams Office at examoffice@goldington.beds.sch.uk.

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AFTER THE EXAMINATIONS

Notification of Results

GCSE:

GCSE results day is on **Thursday, 20 August 2026**. Results will be available for collection from 8.00 am – 10.30 am in the Exhibition Space.

Staff will be available in school to deal with any specific exam/careers related guidance you may require. All students and parents are welcome to join in the celebrations.

If you would like your results sent via email, please contact examoffice@goldington.beds.sch.uk. A permission slip will need to be completed and returned by Wednesday, 15 July. The request may not be processed if received after this date. Results emails will be sent out from 9.00 am.

Uncollected envelopes will be posted by 2nd class mail to the address recorded on our information system.

Statement of results

On results day, you will receive a 'Statement of Results'. **THIS IS NOT YOUR FINAL CERTIFICATE**. The statement lists ALL the exams you have taken and any components within the qualification.

The grade for the English Language spoken endorsement is listed in the last column in the following format: P = Pass / M = Merit / D = Distinction.

DfE Education Record

A pupil who has been issued an education record will get their exam results in the app from 11.00 am on results day. Depending on the data transfer, some results may take more time, and pupils should not be worried if there is a delay to seeing their results on the app.

Grade Boundaries

Grade boundaries show the minimum number of marks you need for each grade and are published on examining board websites on results day.

Once all exam papers have been marked, grade boundaries are set by senior examiners and assessment experts. It is not until after all the marking has been completed that it is possible to determine the levels of difficulty of the papers as compared to previous years. This is taken into account when setting the boundaries. Therefore, a student who performed at a certain level should get the same grade regardless of which year they sat the exam.

POST RESULTS SERVICES

Reviews of Marking

All reviews of marking must first be discussed with the relevant subject teacher and/or a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). There are some complex considerations around which strategy to adopt as these services can result in grades going down as well as up or staying the same.

In order to assist staff in deciding if a 'Review of marking' or 'Clerical re-check' is a viable option, the first step would be to request a copy of the exam script(s). These will be downloaded and reviewed by the subject teacher, in conjunction with the mark scheme, who will then make their recommendation for the next step.

To apply for any of the post-results services, a 'Candidate Consent Form' must be completed (see Appendix A for access to scripts and Appendix B for review of marking / clerical check). A paper copy of these forms will be available on results day. An electronic copy can be requested from Mrs Henderson (Exams Manager) at examoffice@goldington.beds.sch.uk, or by scanning the relevant QR code below. Please note that these forms will not be open to complete until results are released to students:

1. Access to scripts
2. Review of marking / clerical re-check



It is unusual for marks to change upwards by more than a marginal amount. However, the school reviews the marks that your child and others have achieved and will advise candidates if we feel there is an anomaly and that the paper should be reviewed. If we are concerned about results received for a particular subject, the school itself will request a review of marking of those papers (with the candidate's consent) and pay any associated fees.

However, if having reviewed a candidate's papers, the school feels that a review of marking is not appropriate, but you still wish to proceed, you will have to pay for the cost of the review. Payment for fees must be made within two calendar days of submitting a post-results request or before the published deadline, whichever is sooner. Applications will not be processed without payment. The fee is payable via bank transfer to Goldington Academy; confirmation of the fee and bank details will be sent to you by email upon receipt of the request.

Please note that applications for results services can only be submitted to the examining boards by Goldington Academy and must be supported by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

There is a complaints procedure in place should the school and the candidate disagree about whether a review of results should be submitted. This procedure can be found on the 'Examinations' section of the school website.

Results Services

The categories are as follows:

SERVICE 1: Clerical re-check

This service includes the following checks:

That all parts of the script have been marked;

- The totalling of marks;
- The recording of marks.

The outcome of the clerical re-check will be reported along with a statement of the total marks awarded for each unit/component included in the enquiry. The deadline for completion is within 10 calendar days of the exam board receiving the request.

SERVICE 2: Review of marking

This is a post-results review of the original marking to ensure that the mark scheme has been applied correctly.

This service will include checking for:

- Any administrative errors
- A failure to apply the mark scheme where a task has only a right or wrong answer
- Any unreasonable exercise of academic judgement
- The clerical checks detailed in Service 1

This service is available for externally assessed components of both unitised and linear specifications. The deadline for completion is within 20 calendar days of the awarding body receiving the request. If requested, a copy of the reviewed script(s) for those units/components reviewed are included as part of this service.

It is important to note that reviewers will not re-mark the script. They will only act to correct any errors identified in the original marking.

ATS: Access to Scripts

A digital copy of the student's script, that can be used to support a decision regarding a 'review of results'. They must be applied for by Friday, 18 September. Goldington Academy may request a copy of your script for teaching and learning purposes, you will be given the option for your script to remain anonymous.

Fees and Deadlines

SERVICE	DEADLINE	AQA	Edexcel	OCR	WJEC
ATS for review of results	18 September	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
ATS for teaching and learning	30 October	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Service 1: Clerical re-check	23 September	£9.70	£14.00*	£12.00	£11.00
Copy of clerically checked / reviewed script	23 September	FREE	£15.00*	FREE	FREE
Service 2: Review of marking	23 September	£44.85	£50.00*	£67.75	£45.00

*Subject to change

CERTIFICATES

Certificates are received in school around early November. Further details regarding collection will be sent out via email in the autumn term.

JCQ regulations state that certificates should be kept for 12 months. If they remain uncollected, they may be disposed of securely.

Certificates are important documents. Most educational institutions and potential employers will ask to see your original certificates. If you lose or fail to collect your certificates, you will need to obtain duplicates from the relevant awarding body. The awarding bodies no longer replicate certificates unless you can prove they were destroyed by theft, fire or flood; they will only issue a statement of achievement. This currently costs in the region of £50.00 per 'Statement of Achievement' and will be payable to each exam board you have a qualification with.



AQA City & Guilds CCEA Edexcel OCR SQA WJEC

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Notice to Centres

Unclaimed Certificates

The Awarding Bodies have agreed to implement a standard procedure for dealing with unclaimed certificates.

Centres may destroy any unclaimed certificates by a secure method (for example by shredding or incineration) after holding them for a period of 12 months from the date of issue. A record of all certificates destroyed by a centre should be kept for a further period of four years from the date of their destruction.

Any queries concerning the destruction or secure disposal of unclaimed certificates should be directed to the awarding body that issued the certificates.

APPENDICES

Appendix A



Access to scripts 2026

Candidate consent form for access to and use of examination scripts - ONLY TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE

1. Candidate name: *

Enter your answer

2. Candidate number: *

Enter your answer

3. Subject: *

Enter your answer

4. Component unit/code: *

Enter your answer

5. Reason for access to scripts request: *

- Teacher request (for a review of the script)
- Teacher request (for use in teaching and learning)
- Candidate request (for forwarding to subject staff for a possible review)
- Candidate request (for personal use)

6. I consent to my scripts being accessed by Goldington Academy: *

- Yes
- No

7. Choose one of the options below: *

- If any of my scripts are used in the classroom, I do not wish anyone to know they are mine. My name and candidate number must be removed.
- If any of my scripts are used in the classroom, I have no objection to other people knowing they are mine.

8. Digital signature:

(By providing your digital signature, you are confirming that you consent to Goldington Academy to access your exam scripts.)

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Enter your answer

9. Date: *

Enter your answer

10. Candidate's personal email address:

Please use your personal email address (not the Goldington Academy account as this will be deactivated shortly). *

Enter your answer

Appendix B



Clerical re-checks, reviews of marking and appeals 2026

Information for candidates

The following information explains what may happen following a clerical re-check, a review of marking and any subsequent appeal.

If your school or college submits a request for a clerical re-check or a review of the original marking, and then a subsequent appeal for one of your examinations after your subject grade has been issued, there are three possible outcomes:

- Your original mark is lowered, so your final grade may be lower than the original grade you received.
- Your original mark is confirmed as correct, so there is no change to your grade.
- Your original mark is raised, so your final grade may be higher than the original grade you received.

To proceed with the clerical re-check or review of marking, you must complete and digitally sign the form below. This tells the head of your school or college that you have understood what the outcome might be, and that you give your consent to the clerical re-check or review of marking being submitted.

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE ONLY.

1. Candidate name: *

Enter your answer

2. Candidate number: *

Enter your answer

3. Subject: *

Enter your answer

4. Component unit/code: *

Enter your answer|

5. Type of request: *

- Clerical re-check
- Review of marking

6. Digital signature:

(I give my consent to the head of my school or college to submit a clerical re-check or a review of marking for the examination(s) listed above. In giving consent I understand that the final subject grade and/or mark awarded to me 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 for this subject.) *

Enter your answer

7. Date: *

Enter your answer

8. Candidate's personal email address:

Please use your personal email address (not the Goldington Academy account as this will be deactivated shortly) *

Enter your answer

5. Type of request: *

- Clerical re-check
- Review of marking

6. Digital signature:

(I give my consent to the head of my school or college to submit a clerical re-check or a review of marking for the examination(s) listed above. In giving consent I understand that the final subject grade and/or mark awarded to me 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 for this subject.) *

Enter your answer

7. Date: *

Enter your answer

8. Candidate's personal email address:

Please use your personal email address (not the Goldington Academy account as this will be deactivated shortly) *

Enter your answer