

# **Access to Scripts, Reviews of Results and Appeals Procedures**

Heles School

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These procedures are reviewed and updated annually to ensure that Heles School deals with candidates' requests for access to scripts, clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and appeals to the awarding bodies in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

Reference in these procedures to GR and PRS refer to the JCQ publications **General Regulations for Approved Centres** and **Post-Results Services**.

## Introduction

Following the issue of results, awarding bodies make post-results services available.

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

### Access to Scripts (ATS):

- Copies of scripts to support reviews of marking
- Copies of scripts to support teaching and learning

### 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)
- 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

### Appeals:

- The appeals process is available after receiving the outcome of a review of results

## Purpose of the procedures

The purpose of these procedures is to confirm how Heles School deals with candidates' requests for access to scripts, clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and appeals to the awarding bodies in compliance with JCQ regulations (GR 5.13).

Details of these procedures are made widely available and accessible to all candidates by Candidates are 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 Candidates are informed by various assemblies held by the SLT link to exams which shares information about exam regulations, including post results services. Parents are emailed a copy at the start of year 11. Full details of the post-results services, internal deadline(s) for requesting a service and the fees charged (where applicable) are provided by the SLT link to exams in a letter which is enclosed with students' results. on results day.

## The arrangements for post-results services

- Candidates must be made aware of the arrangements for post-results services prior to the issue of results (GR 5.13)
- A review of moderation cannot be undertaken upon the work of an individual candidate or the work of candidates not in the original sample (PRS 4.3)
- The appeals process is available after receiving the outcome of a review of results (PRS 5.1)

### At Heles School:

- Candidates are 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 (GR 5.13, PRS 4.1)

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Full details of the post-results services, internal deadline(s) for requesting a service and the fees charged (where applicable) are provided by Emma Clapham on results day by a letter in their results envelope.

## **Dealing with requests**

- All post-results service requests from internal candidates must be made through the centre (GR 5.13)

At Heles School the process to request a service is Collect written consent/permission from the candidate to access the script. 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 Support a request for the appropriate Review of Results service (clerical re-check or review of marking) if any error is identified Collect written consent from the candidate to request the Review of Results service before the request is submitted If the school wishes to request a review, the school will pay for the service. If the school supports the application, but it is made but the student and their parent/carer, they will be expected to pay for the service.

## **Candidate consent**

- Candidates must provide their written consent for clerical re-checks, reviews of marking and access to scripts services offered by the awarding bodies after the publication of examination results (GR 5.13)

Heles School will:

- Acquire written candidate consent (accepting informed consent via candidate email) in all cases before a request for a clerical re-check, a review of marking or an access to scripts service is submitted to the awarding body
- Acquire informed candidate consent 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
- Only collect candidate consent after the publication of results
- Retain consent forms or e-mails from candidates for at least six months following the outcome of a clerical re-check or review of marking or any subsequent appeal (PRS 4.2)
- Retain consent/permission forms or e-mails from candidates to request and use their scripts for at least six months (PRS 6.2)

Additional centre-specific actions:

Not applicable

## **Submitting requests**

Heles School will:

- Submit requests electronically for clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and access

to scripts by the published deadline(s) in accordance with the JCQ publication **Post-results services** (GR 5.13)

- Submit requests for appeals in accordance with the JCQ publication **A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes** (GR 5.13)
- Confirm the awarding body's acknowledgement of receipt of a review of results request prior to the deadline for submission of post-results services and regularly check the progress of the request online (PRS 4.5)

Additional centre-specific actions:

Not applicable

## Dealing with outcomes

Heles School will:

- Ensure outcomes of clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and appeals are made known to candidates as soon as possible (GR 5.13)

Candidates will be notified by being emailed a copy of the awarding bodies outcome letter.

Additional centre-specific actions:

The HOD of the department will also be notified of the outcome so they are able to support the student if required.

## Managing disputes

At Heles School any dispute/disagreement will be managed For a review of marking (Review of Results priority service 2), advise the candidate a review may be requested by providing informed written consent (and the required fee) for this service to the centre by the deadline set by the centre For a review of marking (Review of Results service 1 or 2), first advise the candidate to access a copy of their script to support a review of marking by providing written permission (and any required fee) for the centre to access the script from the awarding body After accessing the script to consider the marking, inform the candidate that if a request for a review of marking (Review of Results service 1 or 2) is required, this must be submitted by the deadline set by the centre by providing informed written consent (and the required fee) for the centre to request the service from the awarding body Inform the candidate that a review of moderation (Review of Results service 3) cannot be requested for the work of an individual candidate or the work of a candidate not in the original sample.

Additional centre-specific actions:

Not Applicable

**Changes 2023/2024**

No changes appicable.

**Centre-specific changes**

No centre-specific changes required