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GCSE Results Day: 20th August 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Congratulations to our Year 11 students on completing their GCSE examinations. We are incredibly proud of the way students prepared for and conducted themselves throughout the examination period and we hope they are enjoying a well-deserved summer break.

Collecting results

GCSE results day will take place on **Thursday 20 August 2026**. Students are welcome to collect their GCSE results from the School Hall between 9.30am - 11.30am. Students should enter and leave School via Reception.

Results Day is always a special occasion, and we encourage students to collect their results in person wherever possible. It provides an opportunity to celebrate their achievements with friends and staff, whilst also allowing students to access immediate advice and guidance about their next steps. Many members of staff will be available throughout the morning to congratulate students and to offer support. Ms Brannelly, our Careers Adviser, will be available to provide advice regarding college enrolment, apprenticeships and employment or any question related to post-16 destinations.

Photography and social media

At New Mills School we are proud to celebrate the achievements of our students. We may take photographs of students collecting and opening their results and may share these on the school's social media channels. No student names or examination results will be published. If you do not want your child's photo to be shared, please notify the Examinations Officer before Results Day.

Nominating Someone to Collect Results

If a student is unable to attend Results Day, they may nominate another adult to collect their results on their behalf. To do this, an email must be sent from the student's New Mills School email account to the Examinations Officer (Mrs Rachele Hopkins - exams@newmillsschool.co.uk) before Results Day confirming:

- the student's full name
- the name of the person collecting the results
- their relationship to the student

Unfortunately, results cannot be released to another person without prior written authorisation.

The nominated person must:

- Be over 18 years of age
- Bring photographic identification
- Sign to confirm receipt of the results

Receiving Results by Email

Students who will be away on Results Day can request for their results be emailed to their New Mills School email account.

Requests must be made before Results Day by emailing exams@newmillsschool.co.uk from the student's school email account.

Please note:

- Results can only be sent to the student's New Mills School email account.
- Results cannot be sent to external email addresses.
- Results cannot be sent to parents or other family members.

Emails will begin to be sent from 11.30am on Results Day. Please allow time for processing.

Department for Education Record App

Students were offered the opportunity earlier this year to register for the Department for Education's **Education Record** app. Those who completed the registration process should be able to access their GCSE results through the app from **11:00am on Results Day**.

Uncollected Results

All results not collected on Result's Day will be posted to the student's home address. If you believe the home address we hold for you may not be correct, please contact us as a matter of urgency.

Post-Results Services

If, having received results, students or subject teachers believe an examination result may be incorrect, the Exam Boards offer a range of post-results service.

The services available are:

Access to Exam Scripts

Students / school can request a copy of marked papers before deciding whether to request a review of marking. This allows students and teachers to review the paper and consider whether there are reasonable grounds for requesting a review of marking. Students must give permission for the papers to be requested by completing the attached consent form. The Exams Officer will then submit the request (see relevant fees below).

Teachers may ask also students to sign a consent form so that New Mills School can request access to exam scripts for teaching purposes. In this situation, the cost of requesting the script will be covered by school.

A Clerical check

A clerical check confirms that:

- All parts of the exam paper were marked
- Marks were added up correctly
- Special consideration has been applied (where appropriate)
- The grade boundaries have been applied accurately

The awarding body normally returns the outcome within 10 calendar days.

Review of Marking

A **review of marking** is completed by a senior examiner and includes a clerical recheck and ensures that the examiners have applied the mark scheme correctly. This service is only available for externally assessed examination components. The awarding body normally returns the outcome within 20 calendar days.

Important Information

Please note:

- Reviews carry a fee set by the examination board (see full list of charges below). If a student requests a clerical check or review of marking, they will normally be responsible for the associated examination board fee. However, if New Mills School staff recommend a review of marking the School will fund the cost of the request.
- **There is no grade protection for reviews of marking. This means that your marks and subject grades may be lowered, confirmed or raised as a result.**
- All requests for post-results services must go through the Exams Officer on exams@newmillsschool.co.uk who will make requests to the awarding bodies. Students and parents cannot contact the awarding bodies themselves.
- Written student permission is required before a review can be submitted
- An application form for post-results services is attached at the end of this letter. We strongly recommend that students complete the consent section in advance and bring it with them on Results Day so that access to scripts can be requested promptly.
- Payment for chargeable services should be made through ParentPay before applications can be processed.

If your child wants to request access to their script, a clerical check or a review of marking, they may wish to discuss this with our curriculum leads. **Please note staff will not be available to discuss post-exam services before Monday 7th September.**

English – jtraceyhill@newmillsschool.co.uk

Maths – sku@newmillsschool.co.uk

Science – bboyle@newmillsschool.co.uk

Humanities (History or Geography) – aplayle@newmillsschool.co.uk

Open – धारबोर्ड@newmillsschool.co.uk

New Mills School Approach to Review Requests:

To ensure students receive appropriate advice before any review of marking is requested, and to ensure little risk of a grade going down New Mills School follows the process below:

1. The Curriculum Leader analyses the student's raw mark
2. Students close to the next grade boundary are identified.
3. A copy of the pupils exam script is requested from the exam board (with the student's written consent)
4. The Curriculum Leader reviews the returned script and applies professional judgement about whether a review of marking is appropriate.
5. If appropriate, the Examinations officer submits the request for a review of marking to the awarding body following written consent from the student.
6. The Examinations Officer notifies pupil of the outcome.

Fees and Deadlines

A summary of the examination board fees and deadlines for Summer 2026 is included with this letter. In many cases, fees are refunded if the outcome of the review results in a change to the student's grade. Full details for each awarding body are provided in the accompanying information.

Thursday 20 th August	GCSE Results Day
Monday 7 th September	New Mills School staff available to discuss post exams service requests
Tuesday 22 nd September	Deadline for requests for Access to Scripts, clerical rechecks and review of marking to be received by the Exams Officer
Thursday 24 th September	Deadline for requests for Access to Scripts, Clerical re-checks and Review of Marking to be received by the exam boards.

Exam Certificates

Exam certificates are expected to be available for collection from school in early November 2026. Further details will be shared after Results Day. We strongly encourage all students to collect their certificates and to keep them in a safe place. Original certificates are frequently required by colleges and universities, employers, apprenticeship providers and public sector organisations. Schools are only required to retain unclaimed certificates for 12 months after issue, after which they may be securely destroyed.

Wellbeing Support

Results Day can be an emotional experience for students and families. If you feel your child would benefit from additional support, the following resources may be helpful:

- [NHS Help your child beat exam stress](#)
- [Anna Freud: How to identify the signs of academic stress, and ways to help](#)
- [Student Minds – resources, tips and blogs about exam stress](#)
- [Ofqual: Coping with exam pressure – a guide for students](#)

Thank you for your continued support throughout your child's time at New Mills School. We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students back into school on Results Day to celebrate everything they have achieved. Whatever their results, we remain committed to supporting every student as they take the next

step in their education, training or employment. On behalf of everyone at New Mills School, we wish all of our Year 11 students every success for the future.

Yours Sincerely,

Emma Fletcher
Assistant Headteacher

Post results service, fees and deadlines – Summer 2026

Service	Description	Fee per paper/unit		Consent
Access to Scripts (ATS) Deadline (to be received by awarding body) 24/09/2026	This is a copy of the marked exam paper that you can use to decide whether to request a review of marking or clerical re-check. Schools and colleges will receive the papers within a week of the request.	AQA	There is no fee for this service.	Candidate consent is required in writing.
		OCR	There is no fee for this service.	
		Pearson / Edexcel	There is no fee for this service	
		WJEC / Eduqas	There is no fee for this service	
Service 1 Clerical re-check (S1) Deadline (to be received by awarding body) 24/09/2026	A clerical re-check of a marked paper will make sure that the exam board has marked and counted all the pages and marks and that the result matches the marks on the paper. Your grade can go down as well as up.	AQA	£9.70 per unit/component	Candidate consent is required in writing.
		OCR	£12.00 per unit/component	
		Pearson / Edexcel	£14.00 per unit/component	
		WJEC / Eduqas	£11.00 per unit/component	
Service 2 Review of marking (S2) Deadline (to be received by awarding body) 24/09/2026	Includes a clerical re- check. A second examiner will review the paper/recording again to identify genuine marking errors or unreasonable marking and make sure all the marks are counted Your grade can go down as well as up.	AQA	£44.85 per unit/component	Candidate consent is required in writing.
		OCR	£67.75 per unit/component	
		Pearson / Edexcel	£50.00 per unit/component	
		WJEC / Eduqas	£45.00 per unit/component	

Fees policies – when there is no charge/where refund is issued

AQA	No charge if - the overall subject grade changes - a unit grade changes as a result of a review If two units are reviewed and only one unit grade changes, still charged for the unit where the grade didn't change. Full details can be found here: AQA Service 1 AQA Service 2
Pearson Edexcel	No charge if the candidate - has been issued an overall grade for the qualification and this changes as a result of a clerical check or review of marking - has not been issued with an overall grade for the qualification and the notional grade changes as a result of a clerical check or review of marking Full details can be found here Post-results services Pearson qualifications
OCR	No charge if there is - a unit or component grade change - a certification grade change Full details can be found here Post-results services (ocr.org.uk)
WJEC Eduqas	WJEC will not charge under the following circumstances: - Where a review of marking results in the amendment of a unit grade - Where a review of marking results in the amendment of a qualification grade. (Associated units in the review will also not be charged). - ATS priority scripts and photocopies requested at the time of the review if 1 or 2 above apply Full details can be found here: Post Results services (eduqas.co.uk)