



**Resits, remarks, review
and appeals**

Will there be an opportunity to resit?

Unreformed qualifications

- GCSE resits available for:
 - English, English language and maths in November 2016 AND summer 2017
 - All science and additional science qualifications (not individual sciences) no later than summer 2018
 - Exam boards may also offer resits in any other subject – including biology, chemistry and physics – in the year after the last sitting.

- AS and A levels resits available for all subjects in May or June of the year following the last legacy exam

- There are restrictions on who can take these resits

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Reformed qualifications

- Students will be able to resit GCSE maths and English language in a November exam series.
- For all other GCSE and all AS and A levels, as now, students will resit by taking the qualification again the following year

The Quality of Marking

- The exams system is very large; around 8 million GCSEs, AS qualifications and A levels are awarded each year
- Exam outcomes are increasingly high stakes – for students, teachers and schools/colleges
- Growing number of reviews of marking being requested – typically where the mark is just below the grade boundary

Ofqual's aims:

- Marking errors are found and corrected
- Review and appeal arrangements are more transparent and consistent
- The system is as **fair** as it can be for all

Ofqual's decisions:

- Trained reviewers will check the original marking
- If they find an error they must correct it – however large or small
- Otherwise they must leave the mark unchanged