

gc Policy on Internal Assessments for External Qualifications

In accordance with the Code of Practice for the conduct of external qualifications produced by QCA, Greenhead College is committed to ensuring that:

- internal assessments are conducted by staff who have the appropriate knowledge, understanding and skills;
- assessment evidence provided by candidates has been produced and authenticated according to the requirements of the specification;
- the consistency of the internal assessment is secured through internal standardisation as necessary;
- Staff responsible for internal standardisation attend any compulsory training sessions.

Written appeals procedure

Each awarding body publishes its arrangements for appeals against its decisions. In addition, an appeal can be made to the college concerning internal assessment:

- the appeal applies only to the *procedures* used in arriving at internal assessment decisions and does not apply to the judgement itself; you cannot appeal against the mark or grade only the procedures used
- the candidate must make the appeal in writing to the College Examinations Officer within four weeks of results day
- the enquiry into the internal process will normally be led by the Examinations Officer and the Vice Principal, provided that neither has played any part in the original internal assessment process;
- the teacher making the assessment will be able to respond to the appeal in writing, and a copy will be sent to the candidate appealing
- the enquiry will consider whether the procedures used for the internal assessment were in conformity with the published requirements of the Awarding Body and the 'Code of Practice'.

The appellant will be informed in writing of the outcome of the appeal, including:

- relevant communications with the Awarding Body
- any steps taken to further protect the interest of the candidates

If the appellant is unhappy about the response in writing, he/she can ask for a personal hearing, where the panel will consist of two persons not previously involved, normally the College Principal and a member of the Governing Body.

Enquiries About Results (re-marks)

In cases of Enquiries About Results, where the College does not uphold a request for such an enquiry, the student may normally pay to have an enquiry carried out.

Note:

Each awarding body specifies detailed criteria for the internal assessment of work. In addition, the awarding body must moderate the assessment and the final judgement on marks awarded is that of the awarding body. Appeals against matters outside the College's control will not be considered in the College's appeals procedures.