



## DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to Y11 parents to explain how to pay for a re-mark in a GCSE subject. As a school we would love to be able to send away as many papers as possible to be re-marked. However, with the new GCSEs and the increased number of exam papers taken, the rising costs incurred for re-marks combined with increasingly restricted school budgets, this is not possible (in previous years this has exceeded £17,000). Our intention this year is to only submit those in English or Maths that are 1 mark below an upper grade boundary. These will be submitted and funded by the school.

However, we are happy to facilitate any parental funded requests for re-marks but would urge caution, owing to the considerable costs involved, the fact that in previous years very few grades were improved through re-marks and also the fact that **marks can go down as well as up leading to students getting a lower grade.** However if the grade does go up there is no charge.

Each exam board charges slightly different fees per paper (not per subject). This means that there are usually two and sometimes three fees to pay for one subject's GCSE. OCR only charges per candidate and so there is only one fee to pay.

The fees are:                      AQA     £37.55 per paper

   OCR     £35.75 per candidate (except combined science which is £71)

   Pearson £39.50 per unit/paper

As mentioned, we have a limited budget and can pay for relatively few re-marks. It is also worth noting that if the mark does increase, there is no fee to pay.

Please fill in the proforma attached if you would like a subject re-marking. We would advise that you focus on subjects that your son/daughter is continuing to study post-16.

The process is:

1. You return the form attached to school, with a cheque made out to De La Salle School for the amount shown overleaf for the subject(s) requested. This will be returned uncashed if the grade goes go up, otherwise it will pay for the re-mark.
2. We look at how far your child is off the next grade boundary and may contact you if we are concerned that they are too far away or may risk dropping a grade if marks decrease.
3. We submit for re-mark (the deadline is 12<sup>th</sup> September). We cannot accept any requests after this date.
4. We inform you of the result.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr. P. Ross**

Deputy Headteacher

Student name	
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We would like the following subject(s) looked at for re-marking:

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We enclose a cheque for the amount of £

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We understand school will hold the cheque and either return it if the marks go up or use it to pay if they stay the same or go down. Please see overleaf for the exam board charges for each subject.

Maths	3 papers	£118.50
English Language	2 papers	£75.10
English Literature	2 papers	£75.10
Science (combined)	per candidate	£71
Biology	2 papers	£35.75
Physics	2 papers	£35.75
Chemistry	2 papers	£35.75
RE	3 papers	£79
PE	2 papers	£35.75
French/Spanish	3 papers	£112.50
ICT (nationals)	1 paper	£35.75
Computing	2 papers	£79
Music	1 paper	£37.55
Drama	1 papers	£37.55
History	2 papers	£75.10
Geography	2 papers	£75.10
Food Technology	1 paper	£37.55
Resistant Materials	1 paper	£37.55
Graphics	1 paper	£37.55

Please understand that we may contact you to warn you if you are too close to a lower grade boundary and so may risk lowering the result and that we will inform you of the outcome as soon as possible.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Year 11 Leaver)

**Please return to school by 12<sup>th</sup> September with cheque.**