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**A Guide to your Examination Results by
Subject**

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Introduction

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) wishes to congratulate all 2021 Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied students on successfully completing their senior cycle education in difficult circumstances. This year, the Leaving Certificate results comprise the results of the examinations and the Accredited Grades. The provisional statements of results and the final certificates will not distinguish examination results from Accredited Grades. The Leaving Certificate results from any one year are considered equivalent to the results from any other year and the 2021 Leaving Certificate results will have equal standing. You will receive further information about your results on the Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSP) from 5 pm on Tuesday 5 September. The purpose of providing you with further information about your results is to assist you if you are considering an appeal. It is also good practice as this information is your personal data. We want to provide you with this information so that you are not required to make a request for it.

The SEC is also committed to ensuring that you have a clear understanding of this further information and of how grades were awarded and why particular grades were awarded. This booklet provides some general information in relation to your Accredited Grades however, the purpose of the booklet is primarily to provide you with information about your Leaving Certificate grades in the 2021 examinations now that you have received your results and to assist you should you choose to view your scripts. Each subject is dealt with individually. This booklet will: clarify details concerning the marking of the 2021 examinations, outline how grades were generated, explain how marks and grades are displayed on examination scripts and how they will be displayed on the Candidate Portal. There is a specific section providing information on Leaving Certificate Applied.

For more detailed information on the viewing of scripts service and on the appeals please read *Candidate Information Guide 3 --Results and Appeals* available at <https://www.examinations.ie/>

Summary of key dates

Tuesday 7 September from 5 pm	Written examination and component marks. Accredited Grades estimated mark and accredited mark will be available on the Candidate Portal
From 5 pm Tuesday 7 September until 8 pm Wednesday 8 September	You will be able to apply to view your scripts on the Candidate Portal during this period. Viewing of scripts will take place on Saturday 11 September.
Saturday 11 September	For scripts that were paper-marked, you will be given a designated time to view these scripts in your school. For scripts that were online-marked, you will be able to view your scripts on the Candidate Portal.
From 9 am Saturday 11 September until 12 pm Monday 13 September	You will be able to apply to appeal your written examination result(s) and your Accredited Grade(s) on the Candidate Portal.
Date for the issue of the results of the written examination and Accredited Grades to be confirmed.	Appeal results will be available on the Candidate Portal.

In line with the SEC commitment to openness and transparency, Leaving Certificate candidates this year have the opportunity to see details of their marks for both Accredited grades and written examinations and how these marks were integrated to ensure candidates' get the higher result. You can use the subject specific information in this Guide to satisfy yourself that each of your subjects have been graded correctly. If you require further clarification in relation to how a subject was marked and graded you are encouraged to engage in the viewing of scripts process on September 11. You can of course contact the SEC on the helpline at 1800 111135 or 1800 111136

Accredited Grades

When you log on to the Candidate Portal to view your component marks your Accredited Grade will be displayed. In addition, you will be able to see the estimated mark provided by your school. You will also be able to see your accredited mark, that is, the mark that was generated following the application of the national standardisation process to estimated mark. The accredited marks in all subjects were graded using the grading table below. If you sat your examination at a different level to level at which you received your Accredited Grade or vice versa, the final grades in this case have been calculated using the grade equivalence table in Appendix A of *Candidate Information Guide 3 – Results and Appeals* available <https://www.examinations.ie/>

Total mark: **100**

Grade	minimum mark
1	90
2	80
3	70
4	60
5	50
6	40
7	30
8	0

We understand that you may be disappointed if the estimated mark provided by your school has been adjusted downwards in the national standardisation process. We have tried to be as clear as possible, in all our communications with you that the final marks after the process of standardisation, for any subject and level, may be higher or lower than the estimates provided by the school. You can find further information about the system of Accredited Grades in the Candidate Information Guide 2 - *A Short Guide to the Accredited Grades Data Collection, National Standardisation and Quality Assurance Processes* <https://www.examinations.ie/>. It includes information about the national standardisation process which serves to bring the estimates provided by different schools into line with each other to ensure as much fairness as possible amongst this year's candidates. While the school-based estimates may move upwards or downwards in this process, if your school provided a higher estimated percentage mark for you than for one of your classmates, you will not receive an accredited mark that is lower than that classmate after standardisation.

Remember; you may not appeal the estimated marks provided by your school or the application of the national standardisation process to those marks. These are outside of the scope of the Accredited Grades appeal process. See the *Results and Appeals Guide* for further details.

The system of Accredited Grades and the 2021 examinations were two separate processes operating in parallel only being together for the purpose of determining the higher result of the two for candidates who opted for both examinations and Accredited Grades. There was no link made between your Accredited Grade and how you performed in the examinations either at an individual candidate level or at the overall system level. The examinations were marked to a national standard and the Accredited Grades were subject to the national standardisation process.

The Context for the Changes

Arrangements for 2021

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 school years, the Minister for Education decided that a dual process would be introduced for Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied students due to sit the examinations in June 2021.

Students were offered the opportunity to sit examinations papers in one or all of their subjects, to opt for an accredited grade in those subjects or to both sit their examination papers and avail of accredited grades. As a necessary part of the process, schools were asked to submit estimated percentage marks for **all** of their students – even for those students who chose not to avail of accredited grades.

Adjustments to Examination Papers

It was also decided that adjustments would be made to the examination to compensate for loss of teaching and learning time. These initial adjustments were published in December 2020 with further updated adjustments published in March 2021. The adjustments in the case of most subjects involved a reduction in the number of questions candidates were required to answer in the written examinations. The duration of the examinations was not changed.

As a result of the fact that candidates were required to answer fewer questions, the total number of marks awarded for most written examinations was reduced. For example, in Higher level Leaving Certificate History, due to the reduction in the number of questions required, the total for the written examination was reduced from 400 marks to 300 marks.

While reading and using this booklet, you should also refer to, *Further adjustments to the written examinations, Leaving Certificate, 2021* where details relating to the specific adjustments in each subject are outlined. (www.examinations.ie)

In addition to the adjustments to the examination papers, in the case of Art, Engineering, Construction Studies and Physical Education, one assessment component was cancelled. The marks for the cancelled component were reallocated to the remaining coursework component.

The Marking Process

Notwithstanding these changes, the examinations continued to be marked by teachers who brought their professional judgement to the process. The marking itself was monitored by experienced Advising Examiners with the entire process overseen by the Chief Examiner for each subject. The State Examinations Commission's usual quality assurance procedures were applied to the marking process at all stages.

Grading of coursework components

In all cases of subjects with a practical coursework or oral component a significant number of candidates presented coursework material for assessment but did not sit the written examination. Where this component has a weighting of 30% or more and therefore can gain CAO points, candidates will receive a grade. Therefore, even if you did not sit the written examination but you did complete the Irish oral test or submit coursework in Art, Physical Education, Engineering, Construction Studies, Computer Science, Technology, DCG and LCVP Link Modules you will receive a grade in these subjects.

Examinations with Different Structures

In the case of the assessment of some senior cycle subjects, there is a written examination only, such as in Accounting. For subjects with a single written examination only, the impact of the adjustments on the grading process is minimal. In most cases, the examination is marked out of a new total because candidates are required to do fewer questions. The computer system in the SEC has been set up to recognise the new grade boundaries and therefore to award the correct grade. In the case of these subjects, the total mark that you will see on your script will be the total mark that will be displayed on the Candidate Portal.

For many other subjects, the examination is made up of more than one element or component. For example, in French, there is a written paper, an aural test and an oral test. In other subjects, like History and Geography, there is a written paper component and a coursework component. In the case of some examinations with three components, such as Engineering, one of the examination components was cancelled.

In examinations with more than one component, candidates are awarded their grade as a result of their combined marks in all of the components of that examination.

When consideration was being given to making adjustments to the examination papers for 2021, it was decided that, in most subjects, the existing weighting between components would not be changed. So if the weighting in the past was 80% for the written examination and 20% for the coursework this would still be the case for 2021.

For example, in Higher level Leaving Certificate History, prior to 2021, the written examination paper was marked out of 400 marks and the coursework (Research Study Report) was marked out of 100 marks. Therefore the weighting was 80% for the examination paper and 20% for the coursework. The adjustment for Higher level History in 2021 meant that the written examination would be marked out of 300 marks, while the coursework would continue to be marked out of 100 marks. If this was not addressed, it would result in a change in the weighting to 75%/25%.

For 2021, the computer system in the SEC has been programmed to multiply the mark in the written examination paper by an appropriate number (determined by the change to the examination paper total), in order to restore the weighting between the written examination paper and the other components to the usual ratio. As a result, in the case of subjects where a reweighting was required at grading, the final mark on the front of your examination script may not be the actual final mark that will be displayed for the written component on the Candidate Portal.

Details relating to this calculation, for relevant subjects, are provided in the subject-specific sections of this booklet. The grading table for the final total mark for each subject is also provided.

Candidate Portal – Results and Viewing Scripts

Getting your Provisional Grades

The examination results are always regarded as ‘provisional’ until the appeals process has finished. For this reason, the results that you received on Friday 3 September are referred to here and on the Candidate Portal as ‘provisional results’. You will have been able to view your grades when you logged on to the Candidate Portal for your provisional results on results day. At this point, you will only have seen one grade for each of your subjects and there will be no indication as to whether it was an examination grade or an accredited grade.

From 5 pm on Tuesday 7 September you will have access to more detailed information about your provisional results on the Candidate Portal. You will be able to see the estimated mark submitted by your school and your accredited mark (see previous section on Accredited Grades). You will also see the final mark for your written examinations and, in the case of subjects with more than one component, you will see the mark for each of these components.

In the case of the Leaving Certificate Applied programme, the mark that you will see will be the combined mark for the written examination and any other component that there is. For example, the mark for LCA French will be the mark for the written examination and the oral test combined. Similarly, in the case of the Vocational Specialisms, the mark on the portal will be the mark for the written examination and the coursework (project, practical performance test etc.) combined.

Viewing Scripts

After the provisional results have issued, you can avail of the opportunity to view your scripts. In 2021 some examinations were marked online (which means that they were scanned and the examiner marked them while viewing them on screen using purpose-built software). Other examinations were marked on paper in the traditional way (in other words, the examiner received the scripts and marked them with a pen).

If you decide that you want to view a script you can apply to do this through the Candidate Portal. The portal will open for application to view scripts at 5 pm on Tuesday 7 September and will close at 8 pm on Wednesday 8 September. If you choose to view a script in a subject that was marked online you will be viewing a scanned image of it on screen through the Candidate Portal from 9 am on Saturday 11 September. You can print off a copy of your script if you wish.

If you choose to view a script in a subject that was paper-marked, the script will be sent to your school for you to view it there on Saturday 11 September. The Organising Superintendent in your school will assign you a time to view your script(s).

If you are viewing a paper-marked script

When viewing a paper-marked script, in most cases, the marks will be displayed on the front cover of the script. In some cases where there was no grid on the front cover of the script the marks will be displayed on a separate sheet which will be attached to that script.

You will see the regular **Script Total** – the sum of all the marks on the examination paper on the marking grid on the front cover/sheet. Where the same examiner is marking more than one component, the sum total mark for all components will be shown here. In some cases, this total mark on the front cover/sheet will not match the mark that you will see on the Candidate Portal as this mark is the mark before the

components were reweighted by the SEC's computer system, whereas the Candidate Portal displays the mark after it has been reweighted.

In some cases, the examiners will also have been asked to work out the weighted mark to assist with certain aspects of the examining work. For this reason, you may see a '**Weighted Mark**' total, on the front cover/sheet. This may be indicated by '**WM**'.

If you are viewing a script marked online

If the script you are viewing was marked online you will see a scanned image of the entire script but the marks you have been awarded will be displayed on a cover sheet called a *Candidate Marks Report*.

On the *Candidate Marks Report* the marks you were awarded for the questions you answered will be displayed. The total mark will also be displayed. The mark report also shows which marks were included in calculating your total mark for that paper. Unlike in paper-marked scripts, the Irish bonus (if applicable) is generally not included in the total mark in the *Candidate Marks Report*¹. Instead, it is included in the *Summary* sheet located at the end of the script. This will show the Irish Bonus mark, as well as the total including the bonus. It is this total including the bonus, rather than the total on the *Candidate Marks Report*, that will be loaded to the SEC's computer system, and will be used in calculating your overall mark and grade.

If, as a result of the adjustments to the examinations, a reweighting is required this reweighting will be made on the SEC's computer system, which is a separate process that comes *after* the script has been marked online. Because of this, and just as for paper-marked scripts, the total mark that you will see (on the *Candidate Marks Report* or, if your script attracted an Irish bonus, on the *Summary* sheet) is the mark before the component is reweighted and so will not necessarily match the component mark on the Candidate Portal, which is the mark after reweighting.

Details of subjects which were marked online in 2021

This year the following Leaving Certificate subjects have been marked using an online system.

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Subject	Level
English	Higher level only
Mathematics	Higher and Ordinary level
History	Higher level only
Geography	Higher level only
French	Higher level only
Physics	Higher and Ordinary level
Chemistry	Higher and Ordinary level
Biology	Higher and Ordinary level
Home Economics (written paper only)*	Higher level only
LCVP (written paper only)*	Common Level

*The Journal in Home Economics and LCVP Portfolio of Coursework will be available in your school to view as these were paper-marked and not marked online.

¹This applies to all subjects other than Higher Level French. For arrangements in Higher Level French, see the specific section on that.

Details of subjects where the mark for the examination paper was reweighted at grading

The table below provides a list of the subjects where it was necessary to reweight the mark for the written examination on the SEC's computer system at the time of grading. Therefore the total mark that you will see on your script in the case of these subjects will not be the same as the total mark for the written examination displayed on the portal:

Agricultural Science	Irish Paper 2
Art	Italian
Computer Science	Japanese
Construction Studies	Music Composing Core
Design and Communication Graphics	Physical Education
Economics	Politics and Society
Engineering	Religious Education
French	Russian
Geography	Spanish
German	Technology
History	LCVP Link Modules

In the case of Leaving Certificate Home Economics, the mark for the Food Studies coursework was reweighted and not the mark for the written examination. Further information is provided later in this booklet.

Leaving Certificate Applied

Getting your Provisional Grades

You will have viewed your provisional result when you logged on to the Candidate Portal on results day. At that point, you will only have seen the single award that you have received based on the credits that you have accumulated over the four sessions and in the final examinations (Pass, Merit, Distinction). There will have been no indication as to whether this is based on written examinations or accredited grades. The total number of credits that you were awarded over the four sessions of the programme was also displayed. This is out of a total of 190 credits. You will also have been provided with a statement of your results. This statement provides a breakdown of the number of credits that you received for the completion of modules, tasks, subjects and vocational specialisms.

What you will see on the Candidate Portal on Tuesday 7 September

On Tuesday 7 September you will have access to more detailed information about your provisional results on the Candidate Portal. You will be able to see the estimated mark submitted by your school and your accredited mark and the number of credits awarded for this mark. You will also see marks (and credits) awarded for the work that you submitted to the SEC for assessment.

In the case of the subjects and Vocational Specialisms with a practical component and oral, the mark that you will see will be the combined mark for the written examination and any other component that there is. For example, the mark for LCA French will be the mark for the written examination and the oral test combined. Similarly, in the case of the Vocational Specialisms, the mark on the Candidate Portal will be the mark for the written examination and the coursework (project, practical performance test etc.) combined. In the case of the LCA Tasks, you will see the final mark and the total number of credits awarded.

A summary of what the mark displayed on the Candidate Portal is based on is set out in the table below:

Subject/Vocational Specialism/Task	Mark on the portal includes
Mathematical Applications	Written examination
Social Education	Written examination
English and Communication	Oral and written examination
Sign Language	Practical/written examination
ICT Vocational Specialism	Practical and written examination
Gaeilge Chumarsáideach	Oral and written examination
MFL's: French, German, Spanish, Italian	Oral and written examination
Agriculture/Horticulture	Practical performance test and written examination
Active Leisure Studies	Practical performance test and written examination
Hair and Beauty	Practical performance test and written examination
Hotel, Catering and Tourism	Practical performance test and written examination
Office Administration and Customer Care	Practical performance test and written examination
Childcare/Community Care	Coursework and written examination
Graphics and Construction Studies	Coursework and written examination
Craft and Design	Coursework and written examination
Engineering	Coursework and written examination
Technology	Coursework and written examination
Student Tasks	One single mark

Viewing your scripts

If you decide that you want to view a script you can apply to do this through the Candidate Portal between 5 pm on Tuesday 7 September and 8 pm Wednesday 8 September. The Organising Superintendent in your school will assign you a time to view your script(s) in your school on Saturday 11 September.

Unlike the Leaving Certificate Established, there were no adjustments to the final examination papers for Leaving Certificate Applied in 2021. Instead, scaling by a factor of 1.25 was applied to the mark awarded (in other words the total mark awarded was multiplied by 1.25) at grading on the SEC's computer system.

For example, where a candidate is awarded 200 marks out of a total of 300 marks for their written examination, this was multiplied by 1.25 on the SEC's computer system so that the mark awarded for grading purposes was 250 marks out of 300. If a candidate's mark exceeded the maximum mark available in the written examination, the mark was capped at that total; the candidate received maximum marks.

If you are viewing your LCA script(s), the total mark in the marking grid on the front cover is the mark awarded to your responses before the scaling has been applied.

In some cases, the examiners will also have been asked to work out the weighted mark to assist with certain aspects of the examining work. For this reason, you may see a '**Weighted Mark**' total, on the front cover/sheet. This may be indicated by '**WM**' and this is the mark after the scaling has been applied.

For Mathematical Applications, Social Education, Sign Language and ICT the single mark displayed on the Candidate Portal is the mark awarded to your examination after the scaling by a factor of 1.25 has been applied.

As described earlier, the mark on the portal for subjects with more than one component will be the mark for the written examination after the scaling has been applied, combined with the mark for the other component.

Leaving Certificate Subject-by-Subject Information

The following pages provide information on your Leaving Certificate grades and marks on a subject-by-subject basis.

Accounting

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 300 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **300**

Grade	minimum mark
1	270
2	240
3	210
4	180
5	150
6	120
7	90
8	0

Agricultural Science

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 300 marks to 220 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{300}{220} \approx 1.36$ to express it out of 300.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Ancient Greek

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for Higher level was reduced from 400 marks to 280 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **280**

Grade	minimum mark
1	252
2	224
3	196
4	168
5	140
6	112
7	84
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 265 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **265**

Grade	minimum mark
1	239
2	212
3	186
4	159
5	133
6	106
7	80
8	0

Applied Mathematics

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 300 marks to 250 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **250**

Grade	minimum mark
1	225
2	200
3	175
4	150
5	125
6	100
7	75
8	0

Arabic

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 320 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **320**

Grade	minimum mark
1	288
2	256
3	224
4	192
5	160
6	128
7	96
8	0

Art

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 150 marks to 100 marks.

The life sketching component was not assessed in 2021.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 200 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{150}{100} = 1.5$ to express it out of 150.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 350.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Total mark: **350**

Grade	minimum mark
1	315
2	280
3	245
4	210
5	175
6	140
7	105
8	0

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Biology

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 290 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the Candidate Marks Report (or, where an Irish Bonus applies, the mark displayed on the Summary sheet) should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **290**

Grade	minimum mark
1	261
2	232
3	203
4	174
5	145
6	116
7	87
8	0

Business

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 300 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **300**

Grade	minimum mark
1	270
2	240
3	210
4	180
5	150
6	120
7	90
8	0

Chemistry

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 300 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the Candidate Marks Report (or, where an Irish Bonus applies, the mark displayed on the Summary sheet) should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **300**

Grade	minimum mark
1	270
2	240
3	210
4	180
5	150
6	120
7	90
8	0

Classical Studies

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 300 marks to 200 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **200**

Grade	minimum mark
1	180
2	160
3	140
4	120
5	100
6	80
7	60
8	0

Computer Science

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper (Sections A & B) for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 130 marks to 60 marks.

The mark allocation for the programming component (Section C) was reduced from 80 marks to 50 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 90 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper (Sections A & B) was multiplied by $\frac{130}{60} \approx 2.17$ to express it out of 130.

Your mark in the programming component (Section C) was multiplied by $\frac{80}{50} = 1.6$ to express it out of 80.

These were then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 300.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper (Sections A & B) and the programming component (Section C) displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total marks that you will see for those components on the front of your script.

Total mark: **300**

Grade	minimum mark
1	270
2	240
3	210
4	180
5	150
6	120
7	90
8	0

Construction Studies

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Higher level was reduced from 300 marks to 240 marks.

The practical skills test was not assessed in 2021.

The mark allocation for the project component was 150 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{300}{240} = 1.25$ to express it out of 300.

The proportion of marks normally allocated to the practical skills test was reallocated to the project component. Your mark in the project component was multiplied by $\frac{300}{150} = 2$ to express it out of 300.

These were then added to give your overall mark out of 600.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **600**

Grade	minimum mark
1	540
2	480
3	420
4	360
5	300
6	240
7	180
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Ordinary level was reduced from 200 marks to 150 marks.

The practical skills test was not assessed in 2021.

The mark allocation for the project component was 150 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{200}{150} \approx 1.33$ to express it out of 200.

The proportion of marks normally allocated to the practical skills test was reallocated to the project component. Your mark in the project component was multiplied by $\frac{300}{150} = 2$ to express it out of 300.

These were then added to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Design and Communication Graphics

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 240 marks to 180 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 160 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{240}{180} \approx 1.33$ to express it out of 240.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Economics

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 300 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{400}{300} \approx 1.33$ to express it out of 400.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Engineering

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Higher level was reduced from 300 marks to 250 marks.

The practical skills examination was not assessed in 2021.

The mark allocation for the project component was 150 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{300}{250} = 1.2$ to express it out of 300.

The proportion of marks normally allocated to the practical skills examination was reallocated to the project component. Your mark in the project component was multiplied by $\frac{300}{150} = 2$ to express it out of 300.

These were then added to give your overall mark out of 600.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **600**

Grade	minimum mark
1	540
2	480
3	420
4	360
5	300
6	240
7	180
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Ordinary level was reduced from 200 marks to 150 marks.

The practical skills examination was not assessed in 2021.

The mark allocation for the project component was 150 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{200}{150} \approx 1.33$ to express it out of 200.

The proportion of marks normally allocated to the practical skills examination was reallocated to the project component. Your mark in the project component was multiplied by $\frac{300}{150} = 2$ to express it out of 300.

These were then added to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

English

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 280 marks.

The mark allocation for Paper 1 was reduced from 200 marks to 140 marks and the mark allocation for Paper 2 was also reduced from 200 marks to 140 marks, at both levels.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Higher Level

The total mark for Paper 1 and Paper 2 on the Candidate Marks Report for each paper should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal for each paper. There will also be a summary sheet which follows the pdf of the Paper 2 script and this summary sheet will confirm the total mark for both papers and the individual mark for each paper.

Ordinary Level

The total mark for Paper 1 and Paper 2 in the marking grid on the front of each script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal for each paper.

Total mark: **280**

Grade	minimum mark
1	252
2	224
3	196
4	168
5	140
6	112
7	84
8	0

French

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Higher level was reduced from 220 marks to 130 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 80 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{220}{130} \approx 1.69$ to express it out of 220.

It was then added to your mark for the aural component and the oral component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: As the written paper and aural component were marked as a single unit, they have a single Candidate Marks Report. This does not give separate totals for the written and aural components, but does indicate which marks were used in calculating each total.

Due to the reweighting, the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark on the Candidate Marks Report. Note also that there is no Summary sheet at the end of Higher Level French papers, as the Irish bonus appears as an item in the Candidate Marks Report.

Ordinary level French is described on the next page.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Ordinary level was reduced from 220 marks to 140 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 100 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Because the oral component is carried out at a common level but has a different weighting at Ordinary level from that at Higher level, the marks for the written paper and the aural component in a normal year both get multiplied by 1.25 to give them the correct weighting relative to the oral component. This means that in a normal year the weighted mark for the written paper is out of 275 and the weighted mark for the aural component is out of 125.

In 2021, because of the change of mark allocation, your mark in the written paper was instead multiplied by $\frac{275}{140} \approx 1.96$ to express it out of the usual weighted total of 275.

Your mark in the aural component was multiplied by 1.25, as usual, to express it out of the usual weighted total of 125.

These marks were then added to your mark for the oral component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Geography

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Higher level was reduced from 400 marks to 320 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{400}{320} = 1.25$ to express it out of 400.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: There is a separate Candidate Marks Report for your written paper and your coursework. Due to the reweighting, the total mark on the Candidate Marks Report (or, where an Irish Bonus applies, this total mark plus the Irish bonus mark displayed on the Summary sheet) for your written paper will be different to the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal. Further, the Total mark on the Summary sheet is the sum of the (unweighted) written paper mark and the coursework mark. As a result, it is not used in the calculation of your grade.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 300 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{400}{300} \approx 1.33$ to express it out of 400.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

German

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Higher level was reduced from 220 marks to 135 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 80 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{220}{135} \approx 1.63$ to express it out of 220.

It was then added to your mark for the aural component and the oral component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Ordinary level was reduced from 220 marks to 145 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 100 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Because the oral component is carried out at a common level but has a different weighting at Ordinary level from that at Higher level, the marks for the written paper and the aural component in a normal year both get multiplied by 1.25 to give them the correct weighting relative to the oral component. This means that in a normal year the weighted mark for the written paper is out of 275 and the weighted mark for the aural component is out of 125.

In 2021, because of the change of mark allocation, your mark in the written paper was instead multiplied by $\frac{275}{145} \approx 1.90$ to express it out of the usual weighted total of 275.

Your mark in the aural component was multiplied by 1.25, as usual, to express it out of the usual weighted total of 125.

These marks were then added to your mark for the oral component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Hebrew Studies

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 225 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **225**

Grade	minimum mark
1	203
2	180
3	158
4	135
5	113
6	90
7	68
8	0

History

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 300 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{400}{300} \approx 1.33$ to express it out of 400.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Higher Level

Note: There is a separate Candidate Marks Report for your written paper and your coursework. Due to the reweighting, the total mark on the Candidate Marks Report (or, where an Irish Bonus applies, this total mark plus the Irish bonus mark displayed on the Summary sheet) for your written paper will be different to the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal. Further, the Total mark on the Summary sheet is the sum of the (unweighted) written paper mark and the coursework mark. As a result, it is not used in the calculation of your grade.

Ordinary Level

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Home Economics – Scientific and Social

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 320 marks to 240 marks for those candidates who don't do the *Textiles, Fashion and Design* coursework.

For candidates who do the *Textiles, Fashion and Design* coursework, the mark allocation for the written paper for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 280 marks to 200 marks.

In a normal year, the mark allocation for the *Food Studies* coursework component is 320 marks, which is multiplied by 0.25 to express it out of 80, which is 20% of the total marks for the subject (400). In 2021, the mark allocation for the *Food Studies* coursework component was 160 marks, which was multiplied by 0.375 to express it out of 60, which is 20% of the total marks for the subject in 2021 (300).

The mark allocation for the *Textiles, Fashion and Design* coursework component was 100 marks, as usual. As in a normal year, this mark was multiplied by 0.4 to express it out of the usual weighted total of 40.

The marks for your coursework component(s) were added to your marks for the written paper to give your overall mark out of 300.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the *Food Studies* coursework component on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your journal. Also, if you did the *Textiles, Fashion and Design* coursework, the total mark for this component on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on this coursework

Higher Level

The total mark for your written paper in the marking grid on the Candidate Marks Report (or, where an Irish Bonus applies, the mark displayed on the Summary sheet) should match the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Important: If you opt to view your Home Economics script, you will only be able to view your written paper on the Candidate portal. As your *Food Studies* coursework was paper-marked, it will be available to view in your school on Saturday 11 September.

Ordinary Level

The total mark for the written paper in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate portal.

Total mark: **300**

Grade	minimum mark
1	270
2	240
3	210
4	180
5	150
6	120
7	90
8	0

Irish

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for Paper 1 at Higher level was 160 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for Paper 2 was reduced from 200 marks to 120 marks.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 240 marks, as usual.

Your mark for Paper 2 was multiplied by $\frac{200}{120} \approx 1.67$ to express it out of 200.

It was then added to your mark for Paper 1 and your mark for the oral component to give your overall mark out of 600.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark for Paper 1 in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark for Paper 1 displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for Paper 2 displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **600**

Grade	minimum mark
1	540
2	480
3	420
4	360
5	300
6	240
7	180
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for Paper 1 at Ordinary level was 160 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for Paper 2 was reduced from 200 marks to 150 marks.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 240 marks, as usual.

Your mark for Paper 2 was multiplied by $\frac{200}{150} \approx 1.33$ to express it out of 200.

It was then added to your mark for Paper 1 and your mark for the oral component to give your overall mark out of 600.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark for Paper 1 in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark for Paper 1 displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for Paper 2 on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **600**

Grade	minimum mark
1	540
2	480
3	420
4	360
5	300
6	240
7	180
8	0

Foundation Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for Section 1 of the written paper (aural) was 120 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for Section 2 of the written paper was reduced from 240 marks to 195 marks.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 240 marks, as usual.

Your mark for Section 2 of the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{240}{195} \approx 1.23$ to express it out of 240.

It was then added to your mark for Section 1 and your mark for the oral component to give your overall mark out of 600.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The examiner will have carried out the re-weighting of Section 2 before adding it to the mark for Section 1, so the total mark on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **600**

Grade	minimum mark
1	540
2	480
3	420
4	360
5	300
6	240
7	180
8	0

Italian

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Higher level was reduced from 220 marks to 160 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 80 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{220}{160} = 1.375$ to express it out of 220.

It was then added to your mark for the aural component and the oral component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Ordinary level was reduced from 220 marks to 180 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 100 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Because the oral component is carried out at a common level but has a different weighting at Ordinary level from that at Higher level, the marks for the written paper and the aural component in a normal year both get multiplied by 1.25 to give them the correct weighting relative to the oral component. This means that in a normal year the weighted mark for the written paper is out of 275 and the weighted mark for the aural component is out of 125.

In 2021, because of the change of mark allocation, your mark in the written paper was instead multiplied by $\frac{275}{180} \approx 1.53$ to express it out of the usual weighted total of 275.

Your mark in the aural component was multiplied by 1.25, as usual, to express it out of the usual weighted total of 125.

These marks were then added to your mark for the oral component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Japanese

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper at Higher level was reduced from 220 marks to 170 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 80 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark for the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{220}{170} \approx 1.29$ to express it out of 220.

It was then added to your mark for the aural component and the oral component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper at Ordinary level was reduced from 200 marks to 160 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 100 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark for the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{200}{160} = 1.25$ to express it out of 200.

It was then added to your mark for the aural component and the oral component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Latin

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 300 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **300**

Grade	minimum mark
1	270
2	240
3	210
4	180
5	150
6	120
7	90
8	0

Mathematics

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 600 marks to 440 marks.

The mark allocation for Paper 1 was reduced from 300 marks to 220 marks and the mark allocation for Paper 2 was also reduced from 300 marks to 220 marks, at both Higher and Ordinary level.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the Candidate Marks Report for Paper 1 and Paper 2 (or, where an Irish Bonus applies, the mark displayed on the Summary sheet for each paper) should match the total mark for each paper displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **440**

Grade	minimum mark
1	396
2	352
3	308
4	264
5	220
6	176
7	132
8	0

Foundation Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for Foundation level was reduced from 300 marks to 230 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **230**

Grade	minimum mark
1	207
2	184
3	161
4	138
5	115
6	92
7	69
8	0

Music

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the composing core component at Higher level was reduced from 100 marks to 50 marks.

The mark allocation for the listening core component was 100 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the performing core component was 100 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for each of the elective components (composing, listening and performing) was 100 marks, as usual

Your mark for the composing core component was multiplied by $\frac{100}{50} = 2$ to express it out of 100.

It was then added to your mark for the listening core component, the performing core component and your elective component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for composing core component on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the composing core component at Ordinary level was reduced from 100 marks to 50 marks.

The mark allocation for the listening core component was 100 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the performing core component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark for the composing core component was multiplied by $\frac{100}{50} = 2$ to express it out of 100.

As in a normal year, your mark out of 100 for your highest marked component (composing, listening or performing) was multiplied by 2 and then added to your mark for the other two components to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the composing core component on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Physical Education

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 250 marks to 170 marks.

The mark allocation for the physical activity project component was 100 marks, as usual.

The performance assessment component was not assessed in 2021.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{250}{170} \approx 1.47$ to express it out of 250.

The proportion of marks normally allocated to the performance assessment component was reallocated to the physical activity project component. Your mark in the physical activity project component was multiplied by $\frac{250}{100} = 2.5$ to express it out of 250.

These were then added to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper and the Physical Activity Project displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script and your project.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Physics

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 304 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the Candidate Marks Report (or, where an Irish Bonus applies, the mark displayed on the Summary sheet) should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **304**

Grade	minimum mark
1	274
2	244
3	213
4	183
5	152
6	122
7	92
8	0

Physics and Chemistry

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 330 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **330**

Grade	minimum mark
1	297
2	264
3	231
4	198
5	165
6	132
7	99
8	0

Politics and Society

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Higher level was reduced from 400 marks to 300 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{400}{300} \approx 1.33$ to express it out of 400.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Ordinary level was reduced from 400 marks to 350 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{400}{350} \approx 1.14$ to express it out of 400.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Religious Education

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 320 marks to 240 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 80 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{320}{240} \approx 1.33$ to express it out of 320.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Russian

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Higher level was reduced from 220 marks to 170 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 80 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{220}{170} \approx 1.29$ to express it out of 220.

It was then added to your mark for the aural component and the oral component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Ordinary level was reduced from 220 marks to 175 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 100 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Because the oral component is carried out at a common level but has a different weighting at Ordinary level from that at Higher level, the marks for the written paper and the aural component in a normal year both get multiplied by 1.25 to give them the correct weighting relative to the oral component. This means that in a normal year the weighted mark for the written paper is out of 275 and the weighted mark for the aural component is out of 125.

In 2021, because of the change of mark allocation, your mark in the written paper was instead multiplied by $\frac{275}{175} \approx 1.57$ to express it out of the usual weighted total of 275.

Your mark in the aural component was multiplied by 1.25, as usual, to express it out of the usual weighted total of 125.

These marks were then added to your mark for the oral component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Spanish

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Higher level was reduced from 220 marks to 185 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 80 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{220}{185} \approx 1.19$ to express it out of 220.

It was then added to your mark for the aural component and the oral component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for Ordinary level was reduced from 220 marks to 170 marks.

The mark allocation for the aural component was 100 marks, as usual.

The mark allocation for the oral component was 100 marks, as usual.

Because the oral component is carried out at a common level but has a different weighting at Ordinary level from that at Higher level, the marks for the written paper and the aural component in a normal year both get multiplied by 1.25 to give them the correct weighting relative to the oral component. This means that in a normal year the weighted mark for the written paper is out of 275 and the weighted mark for the aural component is out of 125.

In 2021, because of the change of mark allocation, your mark in the written paper was instead multiplied by $\frac{275}{170} \approx 1.62$ to express it out of the usual weighted total of 275.

Your mark in the aural component was multiplied by 1.25, as usual, to express it out of the usual weighted total of 125.

These marks were then added to your mark for the oral component to give your overall mark out of 500.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **500**

Grade	minimum mark
1	450
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	0

Technology

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper for both Higher level and Ordinary level was reduced from 200 marks to 136 marks.

The mark allocation for the coursework component was 200 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{200}{136} \approx 1.47$ to express it out of 200.

It was then added to your mark for the coursework component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
1	360
2	320
3	280
4	240
5	200
6	160
7	120
8	0

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme – Link Modules

Common Level

For 2021, the mark allocation for the written paper was reduced from 160 marks to 130 marks.

The mark allocation for the portfolio component was 240 marks, as usual.

Your mark in the written paper was multiplied by $\frac{160}{130} \approx 1.23$ to express it out of 160.

It was then added to your mark for the portfolio component to give your overall mark out of 400.

Your grade was then determined using the Grading Table on the right.

Note: Due to the reweighting, the total mark for the written paper displayed on the Candidate Portal (or, where an Irish Bonus applies, the mark displayed on the Summary sheet) will be different to the total mark that you will see on the front of your script.

Important: If you opt to view your LCVP – Link Modules script, you will only be able to view your written paper on the Candidate portal. As your *Portfolio* was paper-marked, it will be available to view in your school on Saturday 11 September.

Total mark: **400**

Grade	minimum mark
Distinction	320
Merit	260
Pass	200
Ungraded	0

Non-curricular EU languages

These adjustments apply to:

Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, Finnish, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Modern Greek, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovakian, Slovenian, Swedish

Higher Level

For 2021, the mark allocation was reduced from 100 marks to 70 marks.

Your grade was determined using the Grading Table on the right.

The total mark in the marking grid on the front of your script should match the total mark displayed on the Candidate Portal.

Total mark: **70**

Grade	minimum mark
1	63
2	56
3	49
4	42
5	35
6	28
7	21
8	0