



GCSE Single Award Science Boundaries - November 2021

Unit Level Uniform and Raw Mark Boundaries												
Unit	GSA1 Biology				GSA2 Chemistry				GSA3 Physics			
Tier	Foundation		Higher		Foundation		Higher		Foundation		Higher	
Boundary	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS
Max	60	72	60	100	60	72	60	100	60	72	60	100
a			33	80			35	80			29	80
b			27	73			30	73			24	73
c*	32	67	21	67	32	67	25	67	39	67	19	67
c	26	60	16	60	26	60	20	60	31	60	14	60
d	21	50	11	50	21	50	15	50	24	50	9	50
e	16	40	8	45	16	40	12	45	17	40	6	45
f	11	30			11	30			11	30		
g	6	20			6	20			5	20		
Alternative Arrangements 2021/22	Mandatory Unit				Mandatory Unit				Mandatory Unit			

Subject Level Uniform Mark Boundaries		
Grading Route	Standard Grading	Alternative Grading
Max	400	300
A*	366	275
A	320	240
B	292	219
C*	268	201
C	240	180
D	200	150
E	160	120
F	120	90
G	80	60

Grading Notes:

Alternative Grading - candidates may choose to avail of the omission and complete only the mandatory units.

Standard Grading - candidates must complete all units.

Candidates that complete all units will be awarded the best grade through either Grading Route.

Subject Level Uniform Mark boundaries (grades A to G) carry the same % weighting across both Grading Routes:
i.e. A 80%, B 73%, C* 67%, C 60%, D 50%, E 40%, F 30% and G 20%

UMS boundaries at Unit Level are stable for the lifetime of the specification and will not change.

Raw Mark boundaries at Unit Level are set independently in each examination series.

Using this series' Raw Mark boundaries to estimate future boundaries must be used with caution as they change.

A* is only awarded at subject level and is a derived grade set independently in each examination series.

Using this series' A* boundary to estimate future A* boundaries must be used with caution as it changes.