



GCSE Chemistry - Summer 2023

Unit Level Uniform and Raw Mark Boundaries												
Unit	GCM1				GCM2				GCM3			
	Foundation		Higher		Foundation		Higher		Foundation		Higher	
Boundary	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS
Max	60	102	80	140	80	116	100	160	100	72	100	100
a			45	112			59	128			50	80
b			33	103			46	117			41	73
c*	23	94	22	94	39	108	33	108	27	67	32	67
c	19	84	11	84	33	96	20	96	25	60	23	60
d	15	70	2	70	28	80	7	80	23	50	14	50
e	11	56	1	63	23	64	1	72	21	40	9	45
f	8	42			19	48			20	30		
g	5	28			15	32			19	20		

Subject Level Uniform Mark Boundaries		
Grading Route	Standard Grading	Alternative Grading
Max	400	300
A*	369	277
A	320	240
B	292	219
C*	268	201
C	240	180
D	200	150
E	160	120
F	120	90
G	80	60

Unit Level UMS boundaries are stable for the lifetime of the specification and do not change. However, the Raw Mark boundaries are set independently in each examination series.

If you are planning to use these Raw Mark boundaries to estimate future performance and grades, they must be used with caution, as they change each series.

Candidates cashing-in for the first time in Summer 2023 will be graded on all their performance across all units with the Standard Grading subject level boundaries applied.

Alternative Grading is only applicable to candidates retaking the qualification having previously cashed-in during the 2021/22 academic year.

Alternative Grading candidates will be awarded the best grade based on their performance across all units or in mandatory units only GCM1 and GCM2.

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%.

A* is only awarded at subject level and the A* boundary is set independently in each examination series. The A* UMS % weighting will be applied equally to both Grading Routes.