



GCSE Science Double Award - Summer 2023

Unit Level Uniform and Raw Mark Boundaries																												
Unit	GDW1				GDW2				GDW3				GDW4				GDW5				GDW6				GDW7			
Tier	Foundation		Higher		Foundation		Higher		Foundation		Higher		Foundation		Higher		Foundation		Higher		Foundation		Higher		Foundation		Higher	
Boundary	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS
Max	60	48	70	66	60	48	70	66	60	48	70	66	70	61	80	84	70	61	80	84	70	61	80	84	150	109	150	150
a			51	53			41	53			57	53			55	68			49	68			61	68			104	120
b			45	49			34	49			48	49			49	62			39	62			52	62			83	110
c*	35	45	39	45	33	45	27	45	37	45	39	45	47	57	43	57	28	57	29	57	42	57	43	57	58	101	63	101
c	29	40	33	40	26	40	21	40	31	40	30	40	39	51	38	51	22	51	19	51	34	51	34	51	46	90	43	90
d	24	33	27	33	20	33	15	33	26	33	21	33	33	42	33	42	17	42	9	42	27	42	25	42	36	75	23	75
e	19	27	24	30	15	27	12	30	21	27	16	30	27	34	30	38	12	34	4	38	20	34	20	38	27	60	13	68
f	15	20			10	20			16	20			21	26			8	26			14	26			18	45		
g	11	14			5	14			11	14			15	17			4	17			8	17			9	30		

Subject Level Uniform Mark Boundaries		
Grading Route	Standard Grading	Alternative Grading
Max	600	450
A*A*	544	408
A*A	515	386
AA	480	360
AB	462	347
BB	438	329
BC*	420	315
C*C*	402	302
C*C	378	284
CC	360	270
CD	330	248
DD	300	225
DE	270	203
EE	240	180
EF	210	158
FF	180	135
FG	150	113
GG	120	90

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 GDW1, GDW2, GDW3, GDW4, GDW5 and GDW6.

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.