



GCSE Single Award Science - Summer 2023

Unit Level Uniform and Raw Mark Boundaries																
Unit	GSA1				GSA2				GSA3				GSA4			
	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
Max	60	72	60	100	60	72	60	100	60	72	60	100	100	72	100	100
a			38	80			41	80			33	80			67	80
b			32	73			35	73			30	73			59	73
c*	36	67	26	67	36	67	29	67	38	67	27	67	45	67	51	67
c	29	60	21	60	29	60	23	60	33	60	24	60	35	60	43	60
d	23	50	16	50	23	50	17	50	28	50	21	50	27	50	35	50
e	17	40	13	45	18	40	14	45	24	40	19	45	19	40	31	45
f	12	30			13	30			20	30			11	30		
g	7	20			8	20			16	20			3	20		

Subject Level Uniform Mark Boundaries		
Grading Route	Standard Grading	Alternative Grading
Max	400	300
A*	371	278
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 GSA1, GSA2 and GSA3.

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.