

Exam Information - Key Stage 4 - Coursework - Appeals Procedure

Policy on Internal Assessments for Qualifications with Awarding Bodies

In accordance with the Code of Practice for the conduct of external qualifications produced by the QCA, Mascalls School is committed to ensuring that:

- Internal assessments are conducted by staff who have the appropriate knowledge, understanding and skills
- Assessment evidence provided by candidates is produced and authenticated according to the requirements of the relevant Specifications for each subject.
- The consistency of internal assessment is assured through internal standardisation as set out by the Awarding Bodies.
- Staff responsible for internal standardisation and/or assessment attend any compulsory training sessions.

Written Appeals Procedure

Each Awarding Body publishes procedures for appeals against its decisions, and the Examinations Officer will be able to advise pupils and parents of these procedures.

Appeals may be made to Mascalls School regarding the procedures used in internal assessment, but not the actual marks or grades submitted by Mascalls for moderation by the Awarding Body.

A pupil or parent wishing to appeal against the procedures used in internal assessments should contact the Examinations Officer, as soon as possible to discuss the appeal, and a written appeal must be received by the School at least two weeks before the date of the last external exam in the subject.

On receipt of a written appeal, an enquiry into the internal assessment will be conducted by the Assistant Head Teacher responsible for Assessment and the Examinations Officer. This enquiry will consider whether the procedures used in the internal assessment conformed to the published requirements of the Awarding Body.

The appellant will be informed in writing of the outcome of the appeal, including details of any relevant communication with the Awarding Body and of any steps taken to further protect the interests of the candidates.

Statement for pupils:

"If at any stage during your exam courses you have concerns about the procedures used in assessing your internally marked work for public exams (e.g. coursework / portfolio / projects) you should see the Examinations Officer, as soon as possible."