

All subjects

Virtual communities

Programme information

We look forward to welcoming you to this online training course.

General updates

- Ofqual has said that summer 2022 will be a transition year for grade boundaries, to reflect that we're in a pandemic recovery period. This means they will be set 'based on a profile that reflects a midpoint between 2021 and pre-pandemic grading'.
- We never set grade boundaries until after exams have been sat. Overall we expect results to be higher than they were in 2019, but not as high as in 2020.
- This will help mitigate the impact of the pandemic on students sitting exams this summer. Visit [Ofqual's blog](#) to learn more about how they plan to grade exams in summer 2022.
- For more information on the changes for summer 2022 and how we can support you, visit the 2021/2022 exam changes area at aqa.org.uk.

Avoiding malpractice

In line with the [JCQ Malpractice](#) document, please remind students that they must not:

- share assessment material on social media, regardless of whether that material is genuine or fake
- have a mobile phone in the exam, even if it is switched off
- have any notes in their possession, whether relevant to the exam or not
- have a watch of any kind in the exam. The [JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations](#) require that a clock must be visible to each candidate in the examination room.

If you are acting as an invigilator in an exam, please ensure that you are fully up to date with the requirements. Remember that you can't invigilate an exam in the subject that you teach.

If you have any questions, please contact irregularities@aqa.org.uk.

Exampro

- AQA's Exampro question banks prepare students for their first public exams. Explore thousands of past questions with their associated mark schemes and examiner comments to create compilations suiting your students' needs.

Embed questions in:

- homework to familiarise students with exam materials
- class teaching for greater understanding of what's being asked
- differentiated, targeted assessments to check learning of content and skills
- revision resources for the best preparation.

AQA's MERiT offers high quality feedback from mock exams. See the strengths and weaknesses of your class to identify teaching focus; share performance data with SLT; and view student reports to support individual progress.

AQA's assessment tools:

- Increase confidence

*Practising with real exam questions helps **alleviate exam stress**.*

- Improve understanding

*Regular practice and sight of mark schemes and examiner reports helps students to **understand the requirements of each question**.*

- Facilitate progress

*Examiner reports and exemplars help students to **understand where they went wrong and how to improve**.*

- Show where they stand

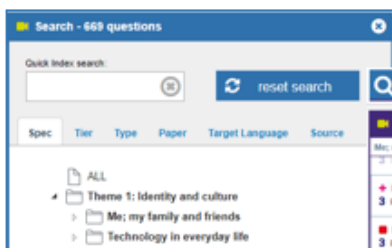
*MERiT reports show students detailed analysis of their **strengths and weaknesses** as well as how they **compare with the rest of the class and the population**.*

- Build evidence

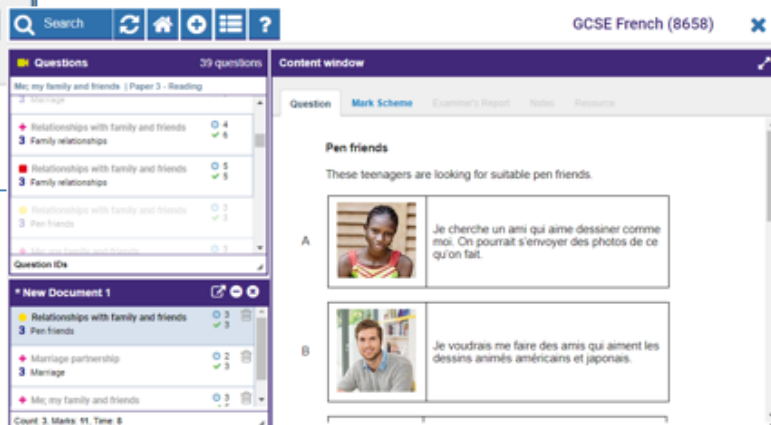
*Exampro assessments and MERiT mock reports provide **high quality evidence of what students can do**.*

Not just questions! Exampro contains mark schemes, examiner comments, audio files, transcripts and inserts all linked to the source question and aligned to the specification so that teachers can make compilations that meet the needs of their students.

1. Search – Filter questions quickly and easily, using the search tool.



2. Create – Drag and drop questions into a new document.

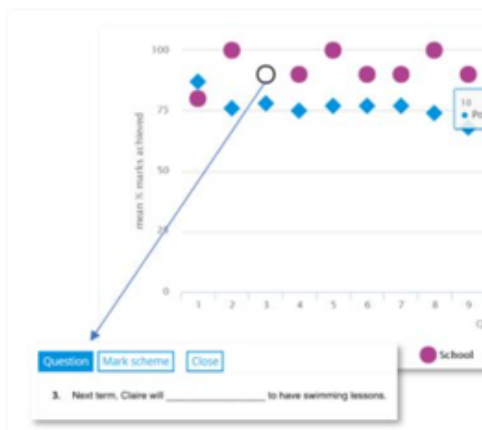


3. Share – Export to PDF (print-ready), Word (editable) or share via web-link.

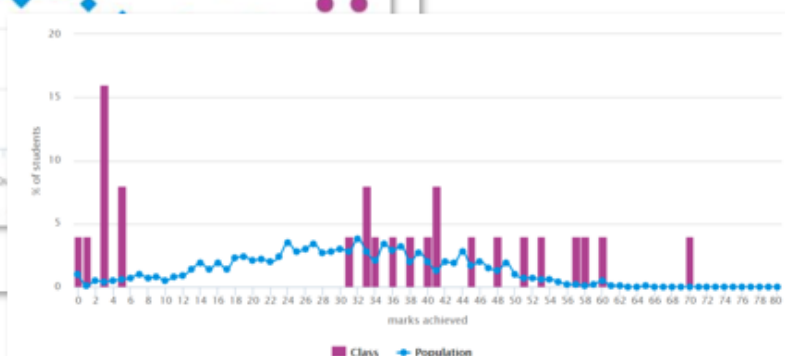
MERiT provides teachers and senior leaders with easy to interpret reports on mock exam performance. Individual, class and year group data analysis provides feedback on strengths and weaknesses, comparative means and ranking in the population. Reports can be used for evaluation of performance and to inform next steps in teaching and learning. Excel downloads are available for integration into school management systems.



Strengths and weaknesses chart: strand and AO



Performance by question



Score distribution chart