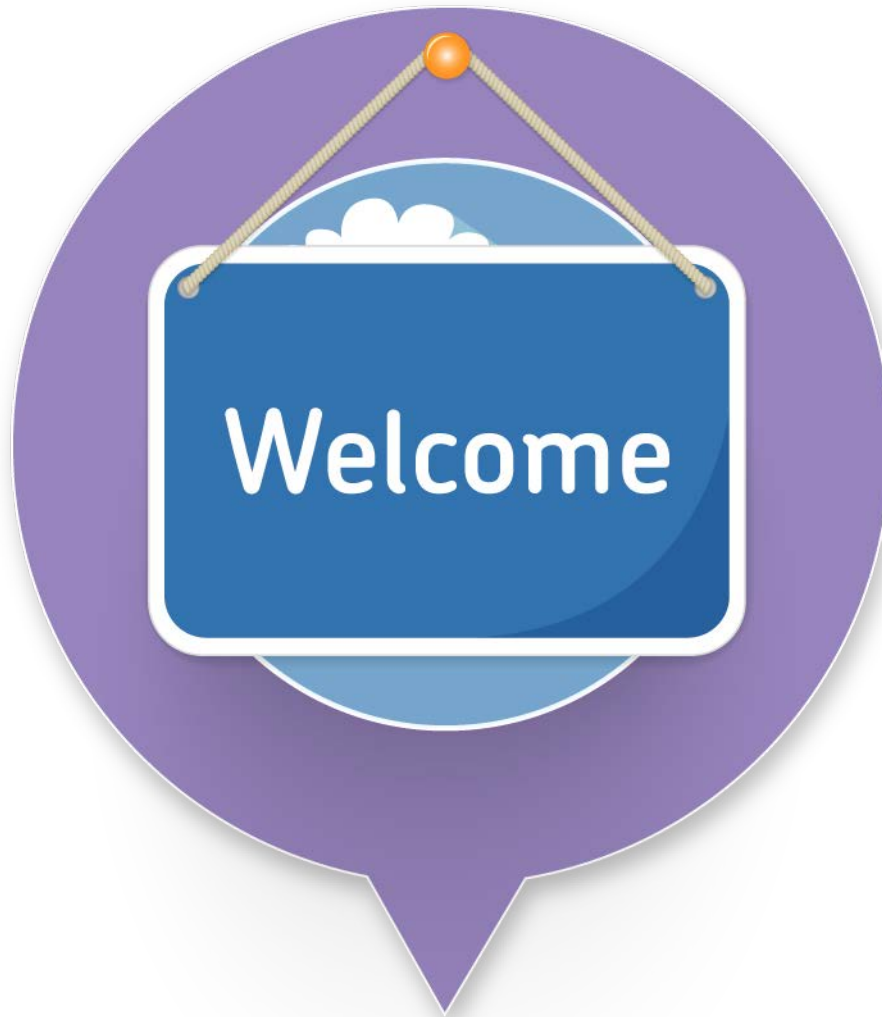


Science hub schools network

Summer 2018



Welcome



This meeting will be recorded

Exam boards have an Ofqual requirement to record event audio.

Recordings are kept for one year and not shared as an accompaniment to session resources.

The recording will begin now.

Summer series

We won't be able to discuss individual issues with questions in this meeting.

Please refer any queries to the science team via teacher services gcsescience@aqa.org.uk

Agenda

- Discussion:
 - what went well with the new GCSE
 - what areas will you develop?
- Results day
- Using Exams Results Analysis (ERA) to identify next steps
- Updates

Table discussion

What went well, what needs developing?

Consider

- Curriculum review – route through topics
- Use of practical lessons across the department
- Teaching styles to improve AO2
- Assessments to enable tracking of progress in understanding and application of knowledge and skills
- Intervention opportunities and resources for use throughout the year
- Incorporating maths in a scientific context

Results day



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These pages are for exams officers. Exam periods are a particularly busy time of year, and we'll help you plan ahead and stay on track with the whole exam lifecycle, from making entries to receiving results.

Schools can also use e-AQA for online services, support and school-specific information.

- Are you a student or parent? See our student support pages
- Are you a private candidate? See our private candidates pages
- Are you a teacher? The best place to start is our subjects area
- Are you an exams officer managing our Tech-level? See our Tech-level administration guide

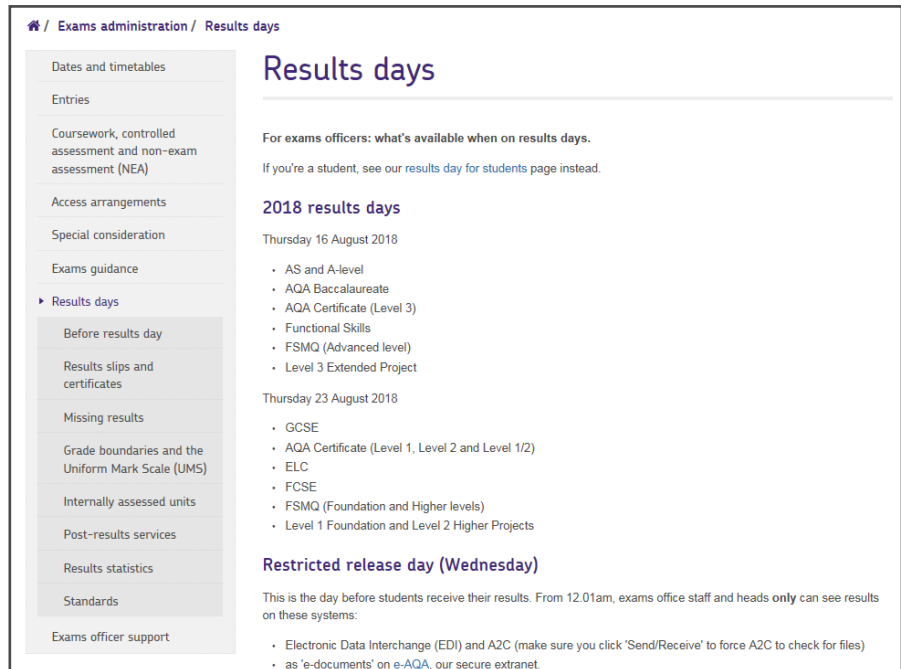
Latest updates

'Time allowed' set to zero
Wednesday 29 Feb 2018
Information about basedata and components with 'time allowed' set to zero.

GCSE Geography (8035) estimated entries for preliminary material
Monday 12 Feb 2018
Make sure you supply your estimated entries to receive a hard copy of the preliminary material on

Popular topics

Results days >
Summer 2018 record forms and declaration sheets >
Submit internally assessed marks >



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Results days

For exams officers: what's available when on results days.

If you're a student, see our [results day for students](#) page instead.

2018 results days

Thursday 16 August 2018

- AS and A-level
- AQA Baccalaureate
- AQA Certificate (Level 3)
- Functional Skills
- FSMQ (Advanced level)
- Level 3 Extended Project

Thursday 23 August 2018

- GCSE
- AQA Certificate (Level 1, Level 2 and Level 1/2)
- ELC
- FCSE
- FSMQ (Foundation and Higher levels)
- Level 1 Foundation and Level 2 Higher Projects

Restricted release day (Wednesday)

This is the day before students receive their results. From 12.01am, exams office staff and heads **only** can see results on these systems:

- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and A2C (make sure you click 'Send/Receive' to force A2C to check for files)
- as 'e-documents' on e-AQA, our secure extranet.

Dates and timetables

Entries

Coursework, controlled assessment and non-exam assessment (NEA)

Access arrangements

Special consideration

Exams guidance

Results days

Before results day

Results slips and certificates

Missing results

Grade boundaries and the Uniform Mark Scale (UMS)

Internally assessed units

Post-results services

Results statistics

Standards

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Results day

Student results day (Thursday)

From 6am on this day, you can give students their results slips.

If you're a student, ask your school or college about exactly when and how you can collect your results. Don't call us – we can't give you your results or discuss them with you.

Time on Thursday	What's available
6am	Results slips can be given to students
	ERA access for any school staff with an e-AQA login
	Post-results services opens
8am	Grade boundaries on our main website
	UMS converter updated
9.30am	Results statistics (provisional) Any late marks and grade changes to results from the day before. These are added to e-AQA and emailed to exam officers

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Grade boundaries and the Uniform Mark Scale

Linear qualifications don't use uniform marks

Uniform marks won't be used for the new GCSE, AS and A-level specifications for first teaching from September 2015. This means you won't need to convert your marks to the uniform mark scale (UMS). In 2017, this applies to the following qualifications:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Maths.

Linear qualifications are assessed at the end of the course, so all students take the exam at the same time. This means that, unlike in modular qualifications, there's no need to combine marks from different series, so we don't need to use the UMS for linear exams.

As the new qualifications are being introduced gradually, we'll be offering unitised and linear qualifications at the same time for an interim period. For details of which GCSEs, AS and A-levels are changing and when, see the timelines on our [Changes to GCSEs, AS and A-levels](#) page.

Grade boundaries for linear qualifications

It can be useful to see how the overall subject grade was achieved. However, it's important to note that the grade boundaries given for each component in linear qualifications are purely notional, and do not always add up to the equivalent subject grade.

Our  [Guide to notional component grade boundaries](#) (239.4 KB)  has more information on this.

[aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/results-days/grade-boundaries-and-ums](https://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/results-days/grade-boundaries-and-ums)

Students certificate

General Certificate of Secondary Education

This is to certify that in the examination held in JUNE 2017

SAMPLE STUDENT date of birth 01 OCTOBER 2000

achieved the following result at

SAMPLE SCHOOL

DOUBLE AWARD COURSE (One (1) Subject)

Combined Science

44 (four four)

FULL COURSE (Seven (7) Subjects)

ENGLISH LITERATURE (601/4447/6)

GRADE 6(six)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE (601/4292/3)

GRADE 5(five)

[Spoken Language

MERIT]

GEOGRAPHY (600/6067/0)

4 (four)

BIOLOGY (600/0886/6)

4 (four)

Reformed specifications will be awarded using the new 9(nine) to 1(one) grade scale.

The endorsement element of a specification will show on the line below the main award and slightly indented.

Results statistics

Results statistics


Results statistics show the overall student performance in our exams by specification and grade.

The statistics are published at the time students' results were issued so do not take into account any enquiries about results.

You can find statistics for the past five years in the lists at the bottom of the page. If you need older data, please email eos@aqa.org.uk






National exam results

JCQ publishes statistics showing student performance across all exam boards in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

These [exam results documents](#)  show the overall student performance by specification and grade.

Read JCQ's [news releases about results](#).

This information is provisional, pending enquiries about results.

Results statistics	Expand all 
January 2018 exams	
November 2017 exams	
June 2017 exams	
March 2017 exams	

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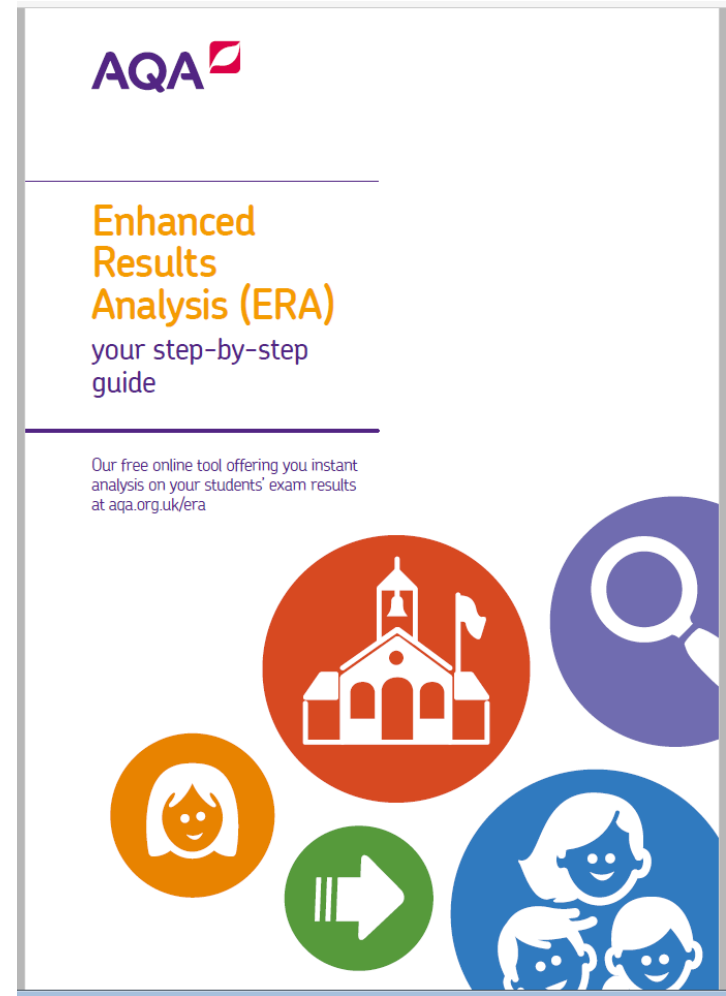
What will be available on results day?

All available on SKM

- Papers and mark schemes
- Grade boundaries for each award
- Notional grade boundaries for each component

Guide to Enhanced Results Analysis

- Detailed guidance
- Step-by-step instructions
- Speak to your exams officer if you need e-AQA login details



Enhanced Results Analysis

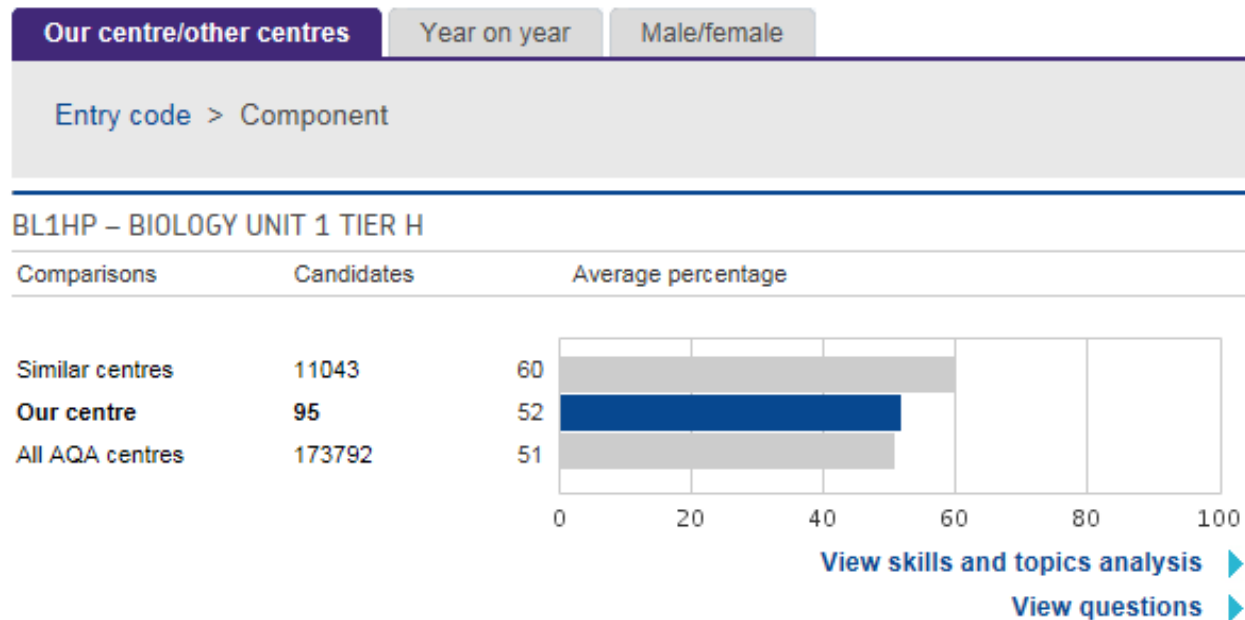
- Free service, available through [e-AQA](#)
- Review school, class and individual student performance
- Make comparisons with whole AQA cohort
- Identify skills or topics that were challenging so that you can address this with later year groups
- Download data for your own analysis

Looking at data by subject or paper

- Compare your school with the AQA cohort
- Starting point for further analysis

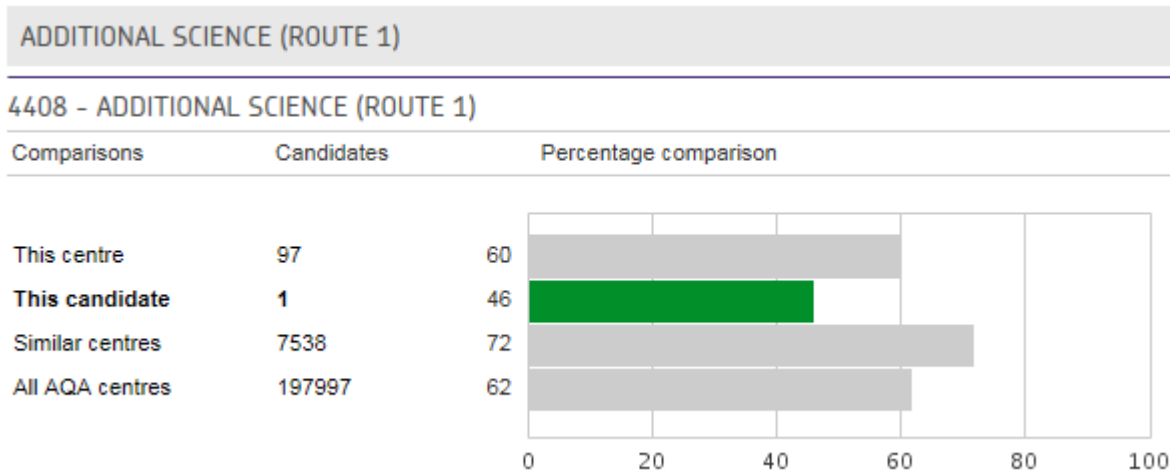
GCSE Summer 2017 SCIENCE

BL1HP - Biology Unit 1 Tier H



Student data

Compare individual marks against school and cohort



See grade boundaries compared with a student's mark

	Grade								
	Max	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
UMS/Points	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80

Entry code	Result	UMS/Points	Mark	Notes
4408 - ADDITIONAL SCIENCE (ROUTE 1)	E	185	-	

Detail by Assessment Objective

Shows performance on each AO relative to cohort

Select to see questions that assessed, eg AO3

Our centre/other centres

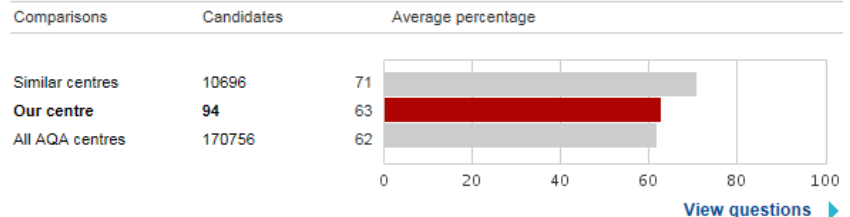
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Assessment objective ▾

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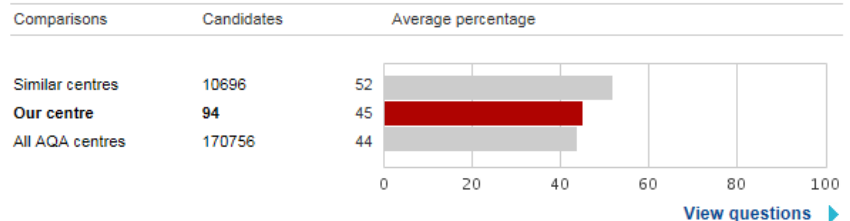
Recall (A01) 52%

Recall, select and communicate their knowledge and understanding of science.



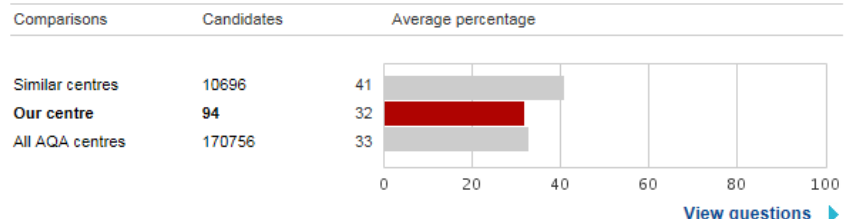
Application (A02) 28%

Apply skills, knowledge and understanding of science in practical and other contexts.



Analysis and evaluation (A03) 20%

Analyse and evaluate evidence, make reasoned judgements and draw conclusions based on evidence.



Detail by specification reference

See performance in different specification areas

Links to questions assessing this area

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BL1HP - BIOLOGY UNIT 1 TIER H

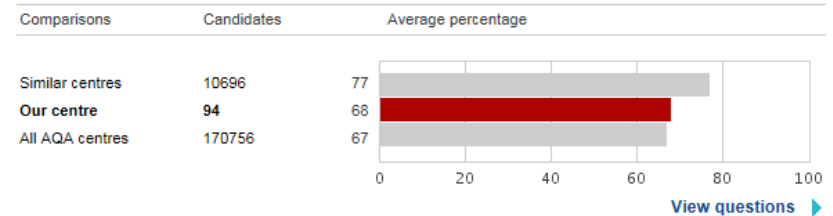
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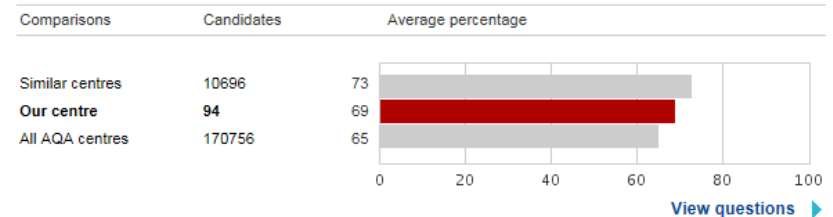
Specification reference ▾

Specification reference

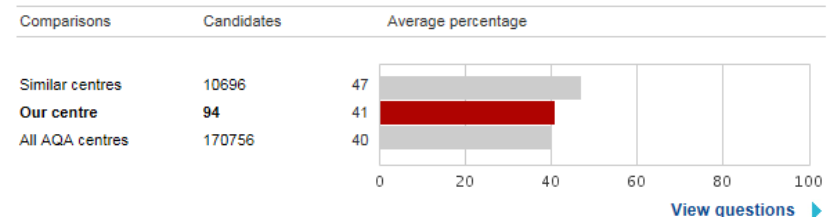
B1.5.1 Energy in biomass 18%



B1.2.2 Control in the human body 17%



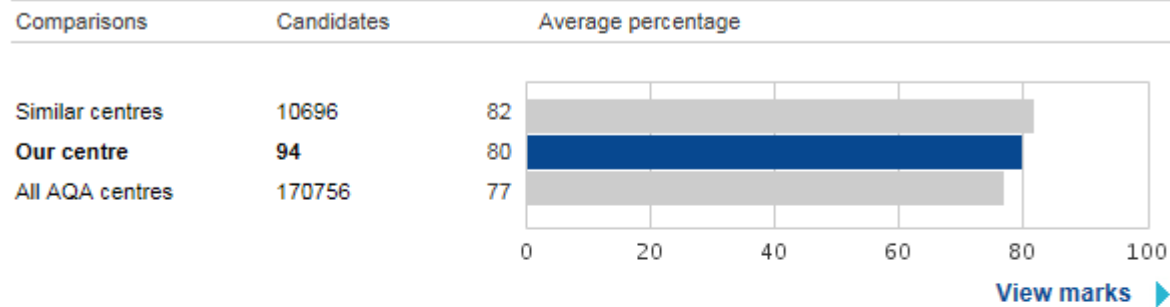
B1.4.1 Adaptations 14%



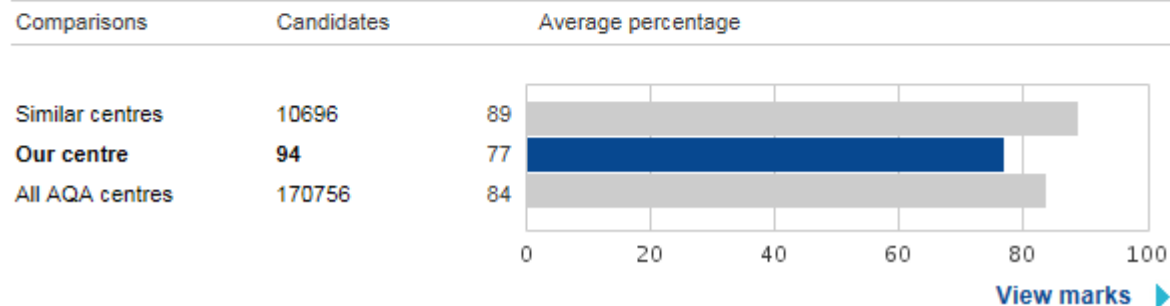
Question level data

View each paper by question and see centre average marks against the AQA cohort

Question 1ai

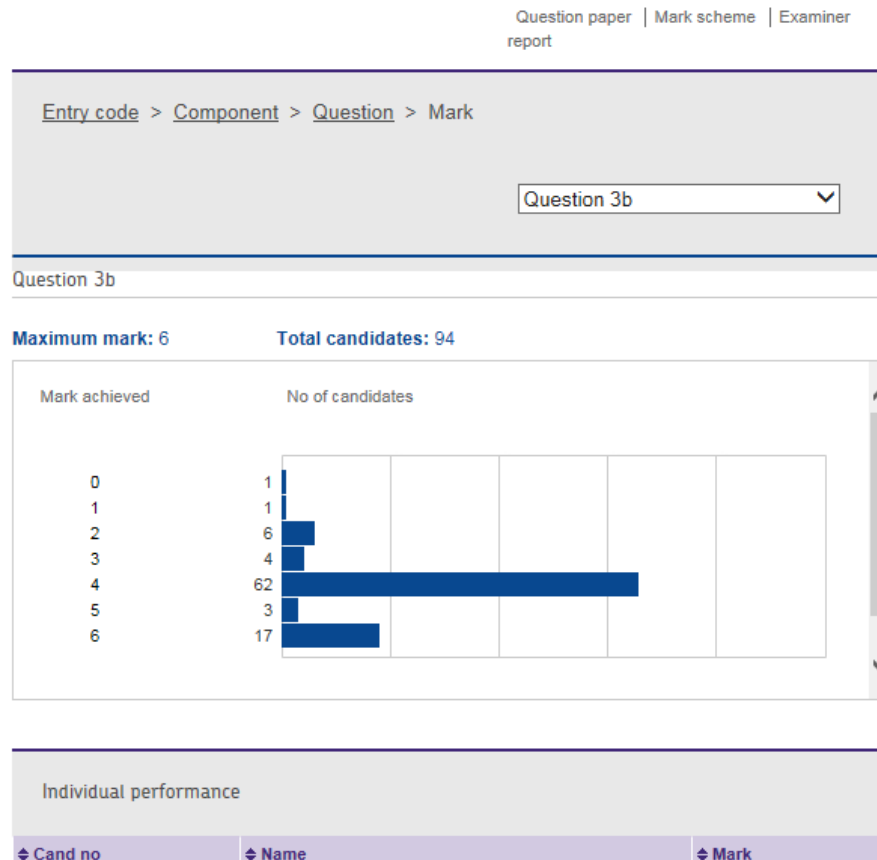


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Mark distributions for each question

- Shows a distribution of your students' marks
- Links to paper, mark scheme and examiner report



Download student data for your own analysis

You can download any or all of your results and analyse them in applications, such as Microsoft Excel.

The download option allows you to:

- perform your own analysis
- copy the data into existing spreadsheets
- create your own graphs
- save the graphs as images and insert them into your own reports.

Updates

- Feedback meetings Autumn 2018
 - end of October/November
 - events for separate sciences, Trilogy, Synergy
 - cover question types with student exemplars and examiners commentaries
 - discussions on the implications for teaching and learning
- useful resources for new teachers – see booklet
- AQA research projects – see booklet

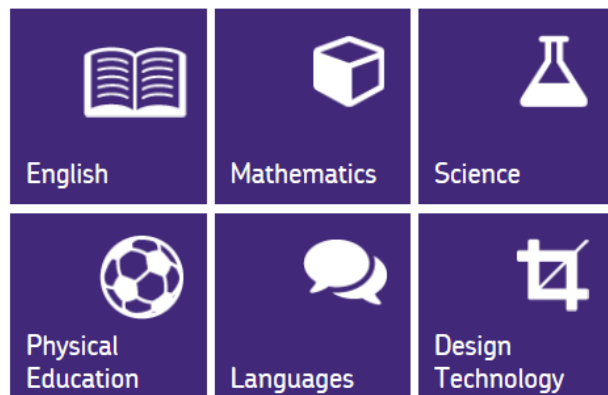
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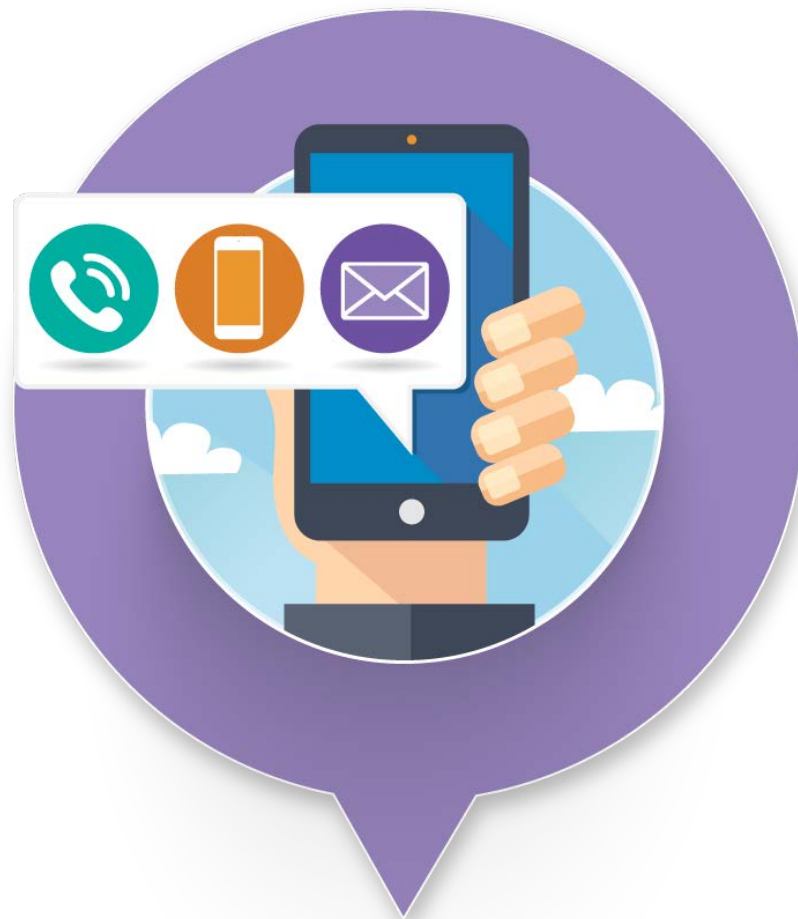
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