

Every GCSE Maths grade boundary, one document

Edexcel, AQA and OCR, Higher and Foundation, every series since the 9 to 1 exams began. Find your grade in seconds.



Every series, newest first



Read your mock total, find your grade



Official figures from the boards

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SECTION 01

How to use this sheet

Two minutes, then you'll know exactly where you stand.

1

Add up your three papers

GCSE Maths is three papers on every board. Add your marks into one total: out of 240 for Edexcel and AQA, out of 300 for OCR.

2

Find your board and tier

One page each: Edexcel, AQA and OCR, Higher and Foundation. Use the newest series at the top of the table.

3

Read across to your grade

Each number is the **lowest total** that gets that grade. Your grade is the highest one your total reaches.

4

Work out marks to the next grade

Take your total away from the next grade's number. That's your target for the next paper.

WORKED EXAMPLE · EDEXCEL HIGHER, JUNE 2026

A mock total of **130** reaches the grade 6 boundary of **114** but not the grade 7 boundary of **146**. So it's a **grade 6**, and **16 more marks** make it a 7.



A mock grade is an estimate. Boundaries move every series (see the last table page), so read your grade against a few recent series, not just one.



Higher tier grade 3 is the "allowed" grade 3 for students who just miss grade 4 on Higher. Foundation tops out at grade 5.



SECTION 02

Edexcel Higher

Pearson Edexcel 1MA1 · total marks needed for each grade, out of 240 across three papers. Newest series first.

SERIES	MAX	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
GRADE								
June 2026	240	208	177	146	114	82	50	34
November 2025	240	211	182	153	119	85	51	34
June 2025	240	217	186	156	121	87	53	36
November 2024	240	200	170	140	107	75	43	27
June 2024	240	197	167	137	105	73	42	26
November 2023	240	203	174	145	112	79	47	31
June 2023	240	203	174	145	112	79	47	31
November 2022	240	194	165	137	104	71	38	21
June 2022	240	194	165	137	104	71	38	21
November 2021	240	187	154	122	93	65	37	23
November 2020	240	189	157	126	96	66	37	22
November 2019	240	197	165	133	103	73	43	28
June 2019	240	198	167	137	108	80	52	38
November 2018	240	194	159	125	95	66	37	22
June 2018	240	202	170	139	109	79	50	35
November 2017	240	189	150	112	85	58	32	19
June 2017	240	190	157	124	96	68	41	27

Source: the Edexcel grade boundary documents for each series, read from the board's own published PDFs. "-" means the board published no boundary for that grade.



SECTION 03

Edexcel Foundation

Pearson Edexcel 1MA1 · total marks needed for each grade, out of 240 across three papers. Newest series first.

SERIES	MAX	5	4	3	2	1
GRADE						
June 2026	240	181	151	110	69	29
November 2025	240	174	143	105	67	29
June 2025	240	175	144	105	67	29
November 2024	240	174	141	103	66	29
June 2024	240	175	142	103	65	27
November 2023	240	175	140	104	68	33
June 2023	240	182	147	109	71	33
November 2022	240	173	135	100	66	32
June 2022	240	173	135	100	66	32
November 2021	240	166	134	100	66	32
November 2020	240	165	136	99	63	27
November 2019	240	166	142	104	67	30
June 2019	240	184	149	111	73	36
November 2018	240	167	132	96	61	26
June 2018	240	169	136	101	66	31
November 2017	240	145	113	83	53	23
June 2017	240	158	122	90	58	26

Source: the Edexcel grade boundary documents for each series, read from the board's own published PDFs. "-" means the board published no boundary for that grade.



SECTION 04

AQA Higher

AQA 8300 · total marks needed for each grade, out of 240 across three papers.
Newest series first.

SERIES	MAX	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
GRADE								
June 2026	240	219	192	166	131	97	63	46
November 2025	240	212	185	158	126	94	63	47
June 2025	240	219	191	164	130	96	63	46
November 2024	240	212	184	157	125	93	61	45
June 2024	240	219	191	163	129	95	61	44
November 2023	240	206	178	150	114	79	44	26
June 2023	240	214	186	158	125	92	59	42
November 2022	240	201	172	143	111	79	48	32
June 2022	240	214	185	156	121	86	51	33
November 2021	240	192	155	119	90	62	34	20
November 2020	240	194	159	124	95	67	39	25
November 2019	240	199	168	137	107	78	49	34
June 2019	240	206	171	136	105	74	43	27
November 2018	240	194	160	126	96	66	37	22
June 2018	240	201	169	138	107	77	47	32
November 2017	240	194	159	124	96	68	40	26
June 2017	240	189	157	125	98	72	46	33

Source: the AQA grade boundary documents for each series, read from the board's own published PDFs. "-" means the board published no boundary for that grade.



SECTION 05

AQA Foundation

AQA 8300 · total marks needed for each grade, out of 240 across three papers.
Newest series first.

SERIES	MAX	5	4	3	2	1
GRADE						
June 2026	240	187	154	115	76	38
November 2025	240	186	158	118	78	39
June 2025	240	188	160	119	79	39
November 2024	240	186	157	117	77	37
June 2024	240	186	157	117	77	37
November 2023	240	166	135	101	67	33
June 2023	240	189	158	117	76	35
November 2022	240	167	130	97	64	31
June 2022	240	172	135	101	67	33
November 2021	240	145	108	79	51	23
November 2020	240	146	116	86	56	26
November 2019	240	162	134	98	62	27
June 2019	240	157	122	89	57	25
November 2018	240	153	121	88	56	24
June 2018	240	161	125	92	59	27
November 2017	240	157	127	93	59	25
June 2017	240	156	124	91	59	27

Source: the AQA grade boundary documents for each series, read from the board's own published PDFs. "-" means the board published no boundary for that grade.



SECTION 06

OCR Higher

OCR J560 · total marks needed for each grade, out of 300 across three papers.
Newest series first.

SERIES	MAX	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
GRADE								
June 2026	300	264	217	170	132	94	57	38
November 2025	300	258	212	166	129	93	57	39
June 2025	300	258	212	166	126	86	47	27
November 2024	300	246	199	152	118	84	51	34
June 2024	300	245	195	145	110	76	42	25
November 2023	300	244	199	154	120	87	54	37
June 2023	300	242	193	144	109	74	39	21
November 2022	300	244	202	160	123	86	49	30
June 2022	300	242	200	158	120	82	45	26
November 2021	300	239	193	147	115	83	51	35
November 2020	300	241	195	150	117	84	52	36
November 2019	300	245	204	163	131	100	69	53
June 2019	300	256	213	171	136	102	68	51
November 2018	300	239	193	147	118	90	62	48
June 2018	300	256	210	164	129	94	60	43
November 2017	300	238	191	145	111	77	44	27
June 2017	300	248	203	159	121	83	46	27

Source: the OCR grade boundary documents for each series, read from the board's own published PDFs. "-" means the board published no boundary for that grade.



SECTION 07

OCR Foundation

OCR J560 • total marks needed for each grade, out of 300 across three papers.
Newest series first.

SERIES	MAX	5	4	3	2	1
GRADE						
June 2026	300	183	133	96	59	23
November 2025	300	188	140	101	63	25
June 2025	300	182	134	95	56	17
November 2024	300	178	129	92	56	20
June 2024	300	180	131	93	55	18
November 2023	300	165	120	86	53	20
June 2023	300	178	129	92	56	20
November 2022	300	168	117	84	51	19
June 2022	300	170	119	85	52	19
November 2021	300	155	121	87	53	20
November 2020	300	158	123	88	53	18
November 2019	300	176	139	102	65	28
June 2019	300	189	144	104	64	24
November 2018	300	180	154	113	72	31
June 2018	300	187	146	105	64	24
November 2017	300	149	117	85	54	23
June 2017	300	174	126	93	60	28

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SECTION 08

How boundaries move

The same grade can need a very different total from one series to the next.

BOARD	TIER	GRADE	LOWEST	HIGHEST	RANGE
Edexcel	Foundation	4	113 November 2017	151 June 2026	38 marks
Edexcel	Higher	4	32 November 2017	53 June 2025	21 marks
Edexcel	Higher	7	112 November 2017	156 June 2025	44 marks
AQA	Foundation	4	108 November 2021	160 June 2025	52 marks
AQA	Higher	4	34 November 2021	63 November 2025	29 marks
AQA	Higher	7	119 November 2021	166 June 2026	47 marks
OCR	Foundation	4	117 November 2017	154 November 2018	37 marks
OCR	Higher	4	39 June 2023	69 November 2019	30 marks
OCR	Higher	7	144 June 2023	171 June 2019	27 marks

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

On Edexcel Higher, a grade 7 has needed as little as **112** (November 2017) and as much as **156** (June 2025). Boundaries are set after each exam, from how hard the papers turned out to be.

So don't aim for last year's number. **Aim a few marks above the highest recent boundary** for the grade you want, so a harder or easier paper is far less likely to catch you out.

Hey,

Knowing your grade is step one. If you'd like help closing the gap to the next one, here's how MyGCSEMaths works.



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