



## A & AS Level Exam Results - Summer 2018

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This guidance covers what to do if you are considering:

1. The release of your exam results to you
2. [Requesting to see a copy of your exam script](#)
3. [Requesting a review of the marks you have been awarded for an exam](#)
4. [Requesting to retake one or more exams](#)

**AS/A Level Results Day is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Your exam results will be live on your Student Advantage profile from 8am

The college will be open from 9am for you to collect your printed results in person, if you would prefer.

Student Advice services will be running from 9am on Results Day and running until the end of August, including advice for:

- University places
- Retakes and requests for a review of marking

The main focus of this service is to support students who have not passed exams or who need support with university places. Please be aware that there will be very limited advice on the reasons behind results achieved or whether students should acquire their scripts, request review of marking or retake exams. This advice is best given by teachers who return to College and consult with students in September.

**Your results:** The format of the results you receive will depend on whether the subject is a *legacy* AS/A level or a new, *linear* A level.

You may not be able to see the individual component results for all exam papers in certain subjects.

- **Legacy AS/A level results** include an overall grade for the qualification and marks for each unit.
- **New linear A level results** ([A list of Linear A level subjects is at the end of this document](#)). These only include an overall grade and do not include marks for individual papers. If you wish to see a breakdown of individual exam paper results BHASVIC will provide this to you in person on results day in the Sports Café. From 17<sup>th</sup> August (the Friday after Results Day) you can email [exams@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:exams@bhasvic.ac.uk) with a request for the breakdown of your component results, but these requests will not be a priority and will be dealt with as soon as possible. The college will not be able to provide a breakdown of results to you by telephone (due to identity verification needs) or via your Advantage account (because exam boards do not provide the data in a form that can be entered into a database). Most colleges will not be providing a breakdown of component marks to their students at all, in line with expectations and guidance from exam boards. However, BHASVIC are providing this despite the lack of support or usable data from exam boards. We ask that you therefore please be patient and understanding with any requests for this information from us.

## Request for a review of marks or copy of script

If you are considering requesting a review of marking because you are dissatisfied with your examination grade, please bear in mind the following:

- Consider your predicted grades, ongoing assessment provided by your teacher(s), mock exam results and any advice or expectations you had about what you were realistically going to achieve. If your result is way off what you expected and how well you think the exam(s) in the subject went, then you may be right to consider a review of marking.
- Exam boards will only change a grade due to **errors**, or if marking is **out of tolerance** when reviewing papers. **Reviewers will not re-mark scripts**; the service is a post results review of the original marking to ensure that the agreed mark scheme has been applied correctly. Adjustments will not be made due to minor differences in professional opinion (e.g. slightly firmer or slightly softer marking).
- Your marks could be **lowered** following the outcome of a review and your overall grade could go down.
- Requests for a review of marking is expensive (see below).
- Grades awarded by the Exam Boards are only occasionally increased. The college's experience is that exam boards have rarely changed marks in the past and have put systems in place to reduce the number of changes considerably from this summer. However, they have improved the quality and checking of marking.
- The last date for receipt of A/AS Level appeals is **20<sup>th</sup> September 2018** and no review of marking can be requested after this date.

The services are available for written papers of both unitised and linear specifications. Coursework and practical elements cannot be reviewed and have already been checked and moderated.

## Reviews of Results (RoRs) and Appeals

### A. **Priority review (priority service 2)** per unit/paper = £55 or £70 with photocopy of reviewed script

If a Further or Higher Education place is dependent upon the outcome of a review of marking, use this priority service.

If you wish to see your paper before deciding whether to apply for a review you cannot have a priority review, you will need to use the non-priority service.

The application deadline for priority service 2 is **3pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018**. A completed application form should be submitted to the BHASVIC Exams Department.

### B. **Review of externally assessed components (service type 2 – non-priority)** per unit/paper = £50 or £65 with photocopy of reviewed script

This offers the same service as outlined above but the Exam Boards aim to complete within 20 days.

The application deadline for non-priority service 2 is **3pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. A completed application form should be submitted to the BHASVIC Exams Department.

### C. **Priority Photocopy** per unit/paper = £15

Photocopied scripts are designed to come back quickly to support reviews of marking and enable you to decide whether you wish to pay for the expensive service above.

The application deadline for priority service 2 is **3pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018**. A completed application form should be submitted to the BHASVIC Exams Department.

### D. **Non-priority Photocopy** per unit/paper = £12.50 (Edexcel offer this as a free service providing the script has been electronically scanned, unfortunately we do not know if this is the case until the copy has been requested).

The purpose of this service is to enable you to see your exam paper and see where you gained scores, did well and went wrong. This is the service that is of relevance to students considering retaking an exam. It allows you to work out your revision strategy based on how you did in the exam the first time around.

This is a non-priority service, so you will receive your copy a few weeks after application.

The application deadline for non-priority photocopy is **3pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. A completed application form should be submitted to the BHASVIC Exams Department.

### What is the right service for me?



Requests **will not be processed unless payment has been made** and the relevant form returned to the exams department.

All relevant forms available from:

Exams Office

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sports Centre, BHASVIC.

Direct Line: 01273 859806

## Request to retake an exam

If you are considering retaking an exam to improve your results, please bear in mind the following:

- You first need to ascertain whether your subject is a legacy AS/A level qualification or a new, linear A level. You can work this out in the following way:
  - Legacy A levels involved you sitting an AS exam last summer and an A level exam this summer and your overall grade was made up of both sets of results.
  - New, Linear A levels involve sitting a BHASVIC Progression Exam last summer and external, A level exams this summer and your grade is just one overall grade made up of all your exams you sat this summer.
- Legacy A levels still provide an opportunity to retake individual, written examination units in summer 2019. This will be the final opportunity to retake and all legacy exams will not be available to retake after next year.
- New linear A levels **do not** provide the opportunity to retake individual exams. If you wish to retake to improve your grade you will need to retake **all written examination papers** for the A level; you will not be able to only retake individual exam papers.
- Both legacy AS/A levels and new linear A levels **do not** enable you to retake practical, oral, controlled assignment or coursework components of the qualification.
- If you are completing your studies this year and would like to retake to improve your grade for a university place, it is worth seeking advice from the college about your university options. Sometimes accepting your insurance place or exploring UCAS Clearing can help you progress this year, instead of delaying your start at university.
- Retaking exams is expensive. Retaking an exam or qualification often does not lead to an improvement in the overall grade. Consider what you would do differently or how the exams went for you in the subject you are considering retaking. You also have time to properly reflect before requesting a retake, so do not rush into any decisions.
- You may wish to request a copy of your exam script before deciding on whether to retake anything. This can be affordable for individual papers but will be more expensive for an entire A level. However, seeing what you wrote in the actual exam can help you reflect on whether you want to retake and whether you genuinely believe you will be able to improve on what you did this summer.
- Consider your predicted grades, ongoing assessment provided by your teacher(s), mock exam results and any advice or expectations you had about what you were realistically going to achieve. If your result is not a true reflection of what you know you are capable of, or you are confident that with a year of independent revision you can improve on your grade, then retaking is a worthwhile option.

**Exam Access Arrangements for ex-students:** If you no longer attend BHASVIC and request a retake as an ex-student, and you received special access arrangements for your exams, it is likely to be the case that assessment evidence, required by the exams regulator, will have expired. You are therefore likely to need to be re-assessed by the college. Please ensure that you record the exam access arrangements you received this summer clearly on the retake application form.

## How to request a retake

You must complete an application form, which is available from the BHASVIC exams office. The deadline to request a retake is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**. Once this deadline has passed, additional charges will apply. An overall administration fee of £25 will be applied to all requests for ex-students.

### A. **Legacy A level retakes for individual units** = £40 per unit

You will need accurate information about each exam paper reference, which is normally included on your results slip you received in the post from the college. If you are uncertain, you should contact your teacher or the Head of Department for this information, but please try and find out yourself first. An admin fee of £25 per subject will be added for ex-BHASVIC students.

- B. **New linear A levels** = £110 per A level, plus £25 admin fee per subject.
- C. Non-priority Photocopy per unit / paper = £12.50 (Edexcel offer this as a free service providing the script has been electronically scanned, unfortunately we do not know if this is the case until the copy has been requested).

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## Is my subject a Legacy AS/A2 or Linear A level?

These are the subjects which are new, **Linear A levels** this summer:

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer science
- Drama
- Dance
- Double Maths (1<sup>st</sup> Year Students)
- Economics
- English language
- English language and literature
- English literature
- Fine Art
- French
- Graphic Design
- Geography
- German
- History (Early & Modern)
- Music
- PE
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Textiles

These are the subjects which are **Legacy AS/A** levels this summer:

- Accounting
- Archaeology
- Classic Civilization
- Communication Studies
- Environmental Science
- Film Studies
- Government and Politics
- Health and Social Care
- Law
- Mathematics (AS / A Level Second Years)
- Media Studies
- Philosophy

These are the subjects which are new, **Linear AS levels** this summer (BHASVIC Recovery Courses):

- Art and Design (Graphics)
- Biology
- English Language and Literature
- Physics
- Sociology