

Overall GCSE UMS Grade Boundaries and Unit Information



	Max	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Applied Science Double Award	800	720	640	560	480	400	320	240	160
Applied Science Single Award	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Biology	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Built Environment	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Chemistry	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
English Literature	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
French	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Geography									
German	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Health and Social Care and Childcare Single Award	250	225	200	175	150	125	100	75	50
Health and Social Care and Childcare Double Award	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100
History	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60
Physics	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Religious Studies (Full)	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60
Religious Studies (Short Course)	150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30
Science Double Award	800	720	640	560	480	400	320	240	160
Spanish	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80
Welsh Literature	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
Welsh Second Language	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80

GCSE (Double Award) UMS Grade Boundaries

Applied Science:

Max	A*A*	A*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD	DE	EE	EF	FF	FG	GG
800	720	680	640	600	560	520	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160

Health and Social Care, and Childcare:

Max	A*A*	A*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD	DE	EE	EF	FF	FG	GG
500	450	425	400	375	350	325	300	275	250	225	200	175	150	125	100

Science:

Max	A*A*	A*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD	DE	EE	EF	FF	FG	GG
800	720	680	640	600	560	520	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160

GCSE UNIT RESULTS

All unitised GCSE schemes use a nationally agreed uniform mark scale (UMS) to report the result of each unit and subject awards. The maximum uniform mark for a subject depends upon the total number of units contributing to the qualification and the maximum uniform mark for a unit depends upon the importance (weighting) of the unit within the qualification.

There are a number of separate UMS, each with a different maximum unit mark. The maximum uniform mark for each unit is given below. The minimum uniform mark required for each grade of a Unit Result for each UMS are:

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Maximum Uniform Mark of 40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	8
Maximum Uniform Mark of 50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10
Maximum Uniform Mark of 60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12
Maximum Uniform Mark of 70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14
Maximum Uniform Mark of 75	68	60	53	45	38	30	23	15
Maximum Uniform Mark of 80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16
Maximum Uniform Mark of 90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18
Maximum Uniform Mark of 100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
Maximum Uniform Mark of 120	108	96	84	72	60	48	36	24
Maximum Uniform Mark of 150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30
Maximum Uniform Mark of 160	144	128	112	96	80	64	48	32
Maximum Uniform Mark of 180	162	144	126	108	90	72	54	36
Maximum Uniform Mark of 200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40

The maximum UMS for the foundation tier is set at one mark below the minimum UMS required for grade b. In a foundation tier unit targeted at grades c – g, the maximum uniform mark available will be equivalent to a top grade c. Unit results below the minimum judged by WJEC to be of sufficient standard will receive an unclassified (u) notional grade. Candidates who narrowly fail to achieve grade d on the higher tier will be awarded grade e. Unclassified results (u) will be issued to candidates in higher tier units who fail to reach the standard for the award of grade e.

GCSE Units – Maximum UMS Mark for each subject unit

Subject Unit	Max UMS	Subject Unit	Max UMS
*Applied Science (Single) Unit 1	160	History Unit 1	75
*Applied Science (Single) Unit 2	120	History Unit 2	75
*Applied Science (Single) Unit 3	80	History Unit 3	90
Applied Science (Single) Unit 4	40	History Unit 4	60
*Applied Science (Double) Unit 1	180	*Mathematics and Numeracy (Double) Unit 1	120
*Applied Science (Double) Unit 2	180	*Mathematics and Numeracy (Double) Unit 2	120
*Applied Science (Double) Unit 3	200	*Physics Unit 1	180
*Applied Science (Double) Unit 4	160	*Physics Unit 2	180
Applied Science (Double) Unit 5	80	Physics Unit 3	40
*Biology Unit 1	180	Religious Studies Unit 1	150
*Biology Unit 2	180	Religious Studies Unit 2	150
Biology Unit 3	40	Religious Studies Unit 3	150

Built Environment Unit 1	140	Religious Studies Unit 1 (New)	120
Built Environment Unit 2	160	Religious Studies Unit 2 (New)	80
Built Environment Unit 3	100	Religious Studies Unit 3 (New)	120
Business Studies Unit 1 (New)	120	*Science (Double) Unit 1 - Biology 1	120
Business Studies Unit 2 (New)	60	*Science (Double) Unit 2 - Chemistry 1	120
Business Studies Unit 3 (New)	120	*Science (Double) Unit 3 - Physics 1	120
Computer Science Unit 1 (New)	100	*Science (Double) Unit 4 - Biology 2	120
*Chemistry Unit 1	180	*Science (Double) Unit 5 - Chemistry 2	120
*Chemistry Unit 2	180	*Science (Double) Unit 6 - Physics 2	120
Chemistry Unit 3	40	Science (Double) Unit 7 – Practical Assessment	80
Cymraeg Language and Literature Unit 1 (New)	120	Spanish Units 1-4	100
Cymraeg Language and Literature Unit 2 (New)	80	*Welsh Literature Unit 1	50
Cymraeg Language and Literature Unit 3 (New)	80	*Welsh Literature Unit 2	50
English Language and Literature Unit 1 (New)	120	*Welsh Literature Unit 3	50
English Language and Literature Unit 2 (New)	80	Welsh Literature Unit 4	50
English Language and Literature Unit 3 (New)	80	Welsh 2 nd Language Unit 1	100
*English Literature Unit 1	70	Welsh 2 nd Language Unit 2	100
*English Literature Unit 2	80	Welsh 2 nd Language Unit 3	100
English Literature Unit 3	50	Welsh 2 nd Language Unit 4	100
French Units 1-4	100		
Geography Unit 1 (New)	180		
Geography Unit 2 (New)	150		
Geography Unit 3 (New)	180		
German Units 1-4	100		
Health & Social Care and Childcare Unit 1	100		
Health & Social Care and Childcare Unit 2	150		
Health & Social Care and Childcare Unit 3	100		
Health & Social Care and Childcare Unit 4	150		

* For those units marked with an asterisk, the figure given is for the **higher** tier. The maximum UMS for the foundation tier is set at one mark below the minimum UMS required for grade B.