

## Appeals procedure against internally assessed marks

Tadcaster Grammar School is committed to ensuring that whenever its staff marks candidates' work this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the regulations and awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents.

Candidates' work will be marked by staff who have appropriate knowledge, understanding and skill, and who have been trained in this activity. Tadcaster Grammar School is committed to ensuring that work produced by candidates is authenticated in line with the requirements of the awarding body. Where a number of subject teachers are involved in marking candidates' work, internal moderation and standardisation will ensure consistency of marking.

If a candidate believes that this may not have happened in relation to his/her work, he/she may make use of this appeals procedure.

***N.B: an appeal may only be made against the assessment process and not against the mark to be submitted to the awarding body***

- 1. Appeals should be made within 48 hours of internally assessed marks being issued to the candidate, in order to ensure that the internal appeals process is completed prior to the submission of centre marks to the awarding body.*
- 2. Appeals must be made in writing (using the **internal appeals form available from the Exams Office staff**) and returned to the Exams Officer no later than 48 hours from results being issued.*
- 3. The Head of Centre (Headteacher) will appoint a senior member of staff, e.g. an Assistant Headteacher or a Deputy Headteacher, to conduct the investigation. The senior member of staff will not have had any involvement in the internal assessment process for that subject.*
- 4. The purpose of the appeal will be to decide whether the process used for the internal assessment conformed to the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents.*
- 5. The appellant will be informed in writing of the outcome of the appeal, including any relevant correspondence with the awarding body, and any changes made to internal assessment procedures.*
- 6. The outcome of the appeal will be made known to the Head of Centre (Headteacher) and will be logged as a complaint. A written record will be kept and made available to the Awarding Body upon request. Should the appeal bring any irregularity in procedures to light, the awarding body will be informed.*

*After candidates' work has been internally assessed, it is moderated by the awarding body to ensure consistency in marking between centres. The moderation may lead to mark changes. This process is outside the control of Tadcaster Grammar School and is not covered by this procedure.*