

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL POLICY FOR APPEALS AGAINST INTERNAL ASSESSMENT OF CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT/COURSEWORK/NON-EXAMINATION ASSESSMENT FOR EXTERNAL QUALIFICATIONS

Springwood High School is committed to ensuring that whenever its staff assess students' work for external qualification, this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the specification for the qualification concerned. Assessments should be conducted by staff who have appropriate knowledge, understanding and skills, and who have been trained in this activity. Students' work should be produced and authenticated according to the requirements of the examinations board. Where a set of work is divided between staff, consistency should be assured by internal moderation and standardisation.

The centre may have to reject a candidate's internal assessment due to suspicions of plagiarism or malpractice. The procedure is detailed further in Behaviour Expectations and Malpractice Policy (available on request from the Examinations Administrator)

If a student feels that this may not have happened in relation to his/her work, s/he may make use of this appeals procedure. Note that appeals may only be made against the process that led to the assessment and not against the mark or grade.

This procedure is available from the Head of Examinations, and is posted on school notice boards.

1. Appeals should be made as soon as possible, and must be made at least two weeks before the end of the last externally assessed paper in the examinations series. (So the appeal must be made before a date in mid-June for the summer series as presently timetabled.)
2. Appeals should be made in writing to the Head of Examinations, who will investigate the appeal. If this person was directly involved in the assessment in question, s/he will appoint another member of staff of similar or greater seniority to conduct the investigation. Likewise if s/he is not able to conduct the investigation for some other reason.
3. The Head of Examinations or other member of staff will decide whether the process used for the internal assessment conformed with the requirements of the awarding body and the examinations code of practice of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority. This will be done before the end of the examinations series. (For example the end of June for the summer series).
4. You will be informed in writing of the outcome of the appeal, including any correspondence with the board, any changes made to the assessment of your work, and any changes made to improve matters in future.
5. The outcome of the appeal will be made known to the headteacher. A written record of the appeal will be kept and made available to the awarding body at their request. Should the appeal bring any significant irregularity to light, the awarding body will be informed.

After work has been assessed internally it is moderated by the awarding body (examinations board) to ensure consistency between centres. Such moderation frequently changes the marks awarded for internally assessed work. That is outside the control of Springwood High School and is not covered by this procedure. If you have concerns about it, please ask for a copy of the appeals procedure of the relevant examinations board.