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Quality of marking

The process behind accurate results

How do we ensure quality of exam marking?

We take our responsibility to issue the correct results first time very seriously. Quality assurance procedures are in place throughout every stage of the exam cycle, from the recruitment and training of examiners through to issuing certificates. The information here summarises these procedures.

Before the exam is sat we make sure that we have the right number of examiners and that everyone has the knowledge and skills to mark.

After the exam has been sat our examiners are trained to mark answers using real student responses to the question paper. Examiners have to prove that they are able to mark accurately and consistently against the mark scheme before they're allowed to begin marking for us.

While examiners are marking senior examiners regularly check to make sure their marking is accurate and consistent. With our online marking system, we can do this in real-time. If there are concerns about the way an examiner has been marking we'll stop them and reassign their work to another examiner. This includes work they've already marked.

Once marking is complete our senior examiners set grade boundaries for each exam paper, controlled assessment and coursework component. They do this by looking at a range of information, including work produced during the current and previous years, statistical data and the standard outlined in the specification. We also run additional checks to ensure all our processes have worked as expected.

Once results have been issued we provide post-results services, so that students and teachers can request copies of marked exam papers and a senior examiner can review the original marking. These services are designed to provide further reassurance that work has been marked correctly.

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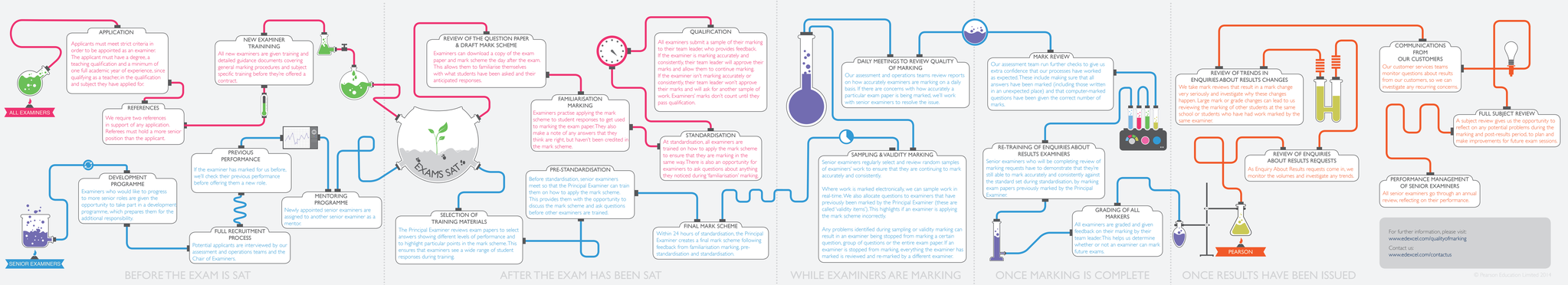

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