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Dear MKH

### **Freedom of Information Request – Final Response**

Thank you for your recent request for information, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). You requested the following:

- *10 O Level and 10 A Level Biology papers and 10 O level and 10 A Level Chemistry papers from between 1970-1980*
- *10 O-level and 10 A Level Biology and 10 O level and A level Chemistry papers from 1980-1990*
- *Any AQA and/or OCR A level Biology and Chemistry papers from 1990-2000*

This was further clarified later on to include:

- *All AQA A-Level Biology and Chemistry papers and mark schemes from 2000 to 2005*

Under the Act, public authorities have two duties to individuals requesting information: firstly, to confirm whether or not they hold the information requested, and secondly to provide a copy of that information unless one or more of the exemptions under the Act apply.

I can confirm that we do hold some information relating to your request.

We hold some exam papers and mark schemes relating to your requests. I have included the detail of these on the attached spreadsheet. However, Due to the size and nature of the information we have determined that it is not practicable for Ofqual to transfer this information to a transmissible format due to cost restrictions. As allowed by s.11(4) **Freedom of Information Act (2000)** we will retain this information on site for a period of six months and can offer you the opportunity to inspect the relevant information should you wish to attend our offices.

Should you wish to attend our offices, please contact Adam Cherrington (details below) to arrange to be given access to the materials. Alternatively, if you would like

to be more specific in your request, we may be able to reassess the cost implications of the request.

As previously mentioned, to assist you in your request it may be more fruitful to contact the Awarding Organisations involved in General Qualifications (GCSEs and A Levels) as they should have the records you are seeking. For ease, I have listed their web addresses and contact email address below.

AQA: [www.aqa.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.aqa.org.uk/contact-us)

[yourfeedback@aca.org.uk](mailto:yourfeedback@aca.org.uk)

OCR: [www.ocr.org.uk/contact-us/](http://www.ocr.org.uk/contact-us/)

[general.qualifications@ocr.org.uk](mailto:general.qualifications@ocr.org.uk)

Pearson: <https://uk.pearson.com/contact-us.html>

[enquiries@pearson.com](mailto:enquiries@pearson.com)

WJEC: <http://www.wjec.co.uk/about-us/contact-us/>

[info@wjec.co.uk](mailto:info@wjec.co.uk)

### Internal Review

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to request an internal review. You can request an internal review by contacting:

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([adam.cherrington@ofqual.gov.uk](mailto:adam.cherrington@ofqual.gov.uk)).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner. Complaints to the Information Commissioner should be sent to:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution  
Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely

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