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Hi Anna

Neither of those!

They were asked by Welsh Government to bring the cumulative outcomes for English language at C for summer 2012 for WJEC's Welsh cohort of 16 year olds to within 1 percentage point of the summer 2011 outcomes for the equivalent cohort.

To do this, WJEC modelled several 'permutations' (minor adjustments to different grade boundaries) to find the best way (or least worst way) to deliver what they were asked to deliver. My understanding is that meant two separate boundary marks were moved downwards. But they didn't simply use the Jan boundaries (they didn't offer all units in Jan) and they didn't change the predictions, because they didn't have KS2 predictions for the Wales entry.

Hope that makes sense!

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Cath,

Sam Freedman asked me a question this morning about the Welsh decision to re-grade, which I think (hope) you might be able to help with...

assumed they did) or by changing the predictions on which the grade boundaries for June were based.

If you could get back to me today on this, it would be much appreciated.

Thanks

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