

Dear Mr Matt Pipkin

I refer to your request for information, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

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.

### Your request

*'I would like to request data from the June 2018 GCSE examination season (under the Freedom of information Act 2000):*

*1. How many students achieved EXACTLY eight 9s in the June 2018 examination season, with the sum of ALL their numerical GCSE grades simultaneously amounting to more than 88?*

*2. If it is not possible to extract this data or you don't understand my question, I instead request the full GCSE grade profile of each student who attained EXACTLY eight 9s in the June 2018 GCSE examination series. This particular data should be sent within the format of a spreadsheet.'*

On 17 August 2021, we asked for you to confirm if your request was in relation to the reformed GCSEs (9-1). You confirmed on 17 August 2021 that:

*'My request is relating to just the reformed GCSEs (9 - 1).'*

### Our response

I can confirm that Ofqual holds the information you have requested.

Based on the data held on Ofqual regulated qualifications, there were 186 students with exactly eight 9s in the June 2018 examination season, whose sum of all numerical grades would've amounted to more than 88.

It may be helpful to note that our analysis is based on data submitted to us by exam boards around a week before results were issued, so the data is not quite complete.

Also, in 2018 not all GCSE qualifications were reformed, the [Get the facts: GCSE reform page](#) provides more information. In line with your request, we have only included reformed GCSEs that were graded 9 to 1.

## **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 must do this within two months of the date of this letter. You can request an internal review by contacting:

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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  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Kind regards

**FOI Team, Ofqual**