

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**

We wrote to you on 19 August 2021 with our response in relation to your request FOI2122081. You then requested the following information:

*‘Thank you very much for your response. I have 1 follow-up FOI question, consisting of change in the original question from EXACTLY to AT LEAST:*

*QUESTION) How many students achieved AT LEAST eight 9s in the June 2018 examination season, with the sum of ALL their numerical GCSE grades simultaneously amounting to more than 88?’*

### **Our response**

I can confirm Ofqual holds the information you have requested. In line with your earlier clarification under FOI2122081 that your request was for just reformed grades, this data is only for reformed GCSEs graded 9 to 1.

Based on the data held on Ofqual regulated qualifications, there were 1,149 students who achieved at least eight 9s in the June 2018 examination season, whose sum of all numerical grades would’ve amounted to more than 88.

Please note that our analysis is based on data submitted to us around a week before results are 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.

### **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