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Year 11 Assembly

March 2017

Maths and English grades



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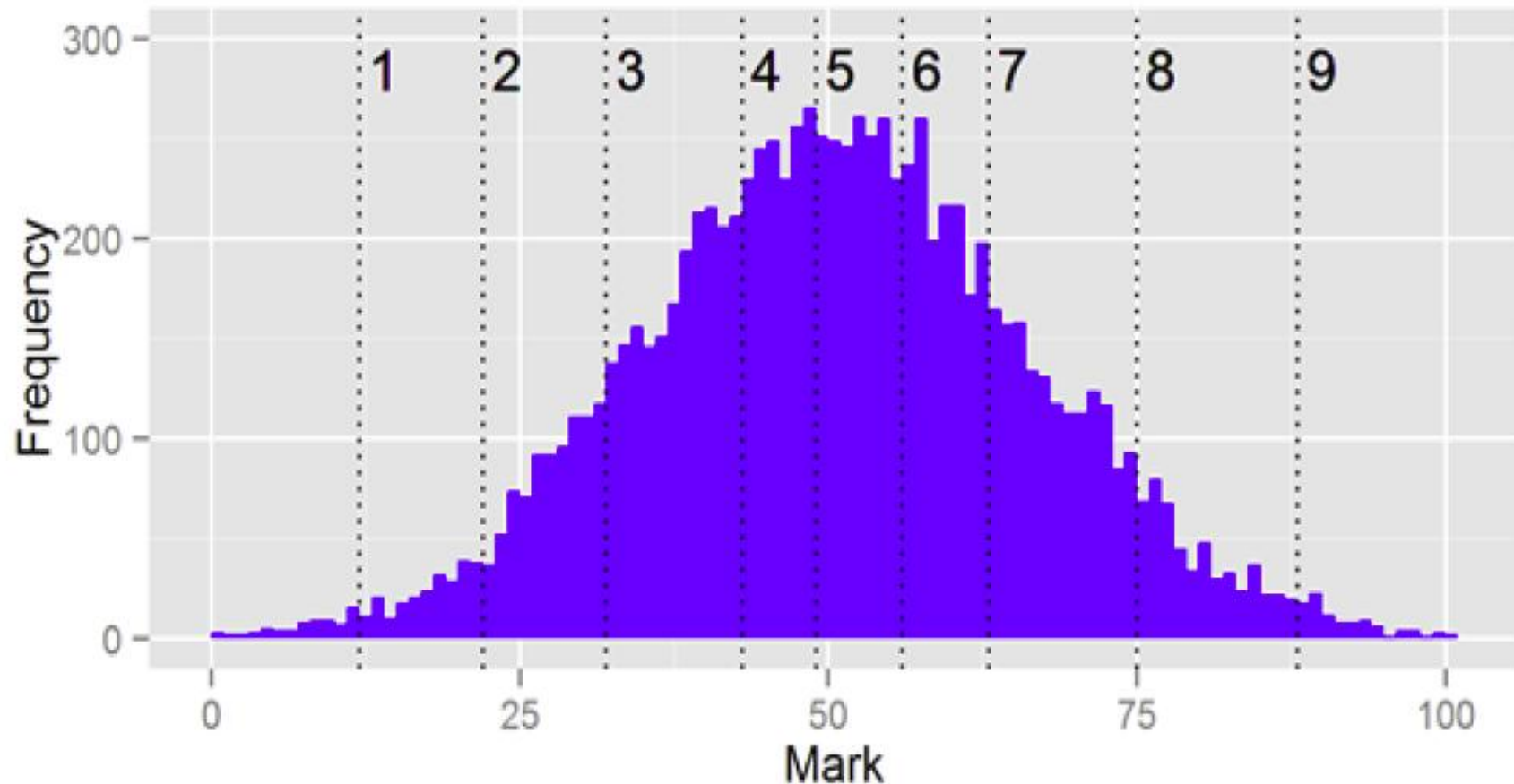
Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
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6	B
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How the grades will work



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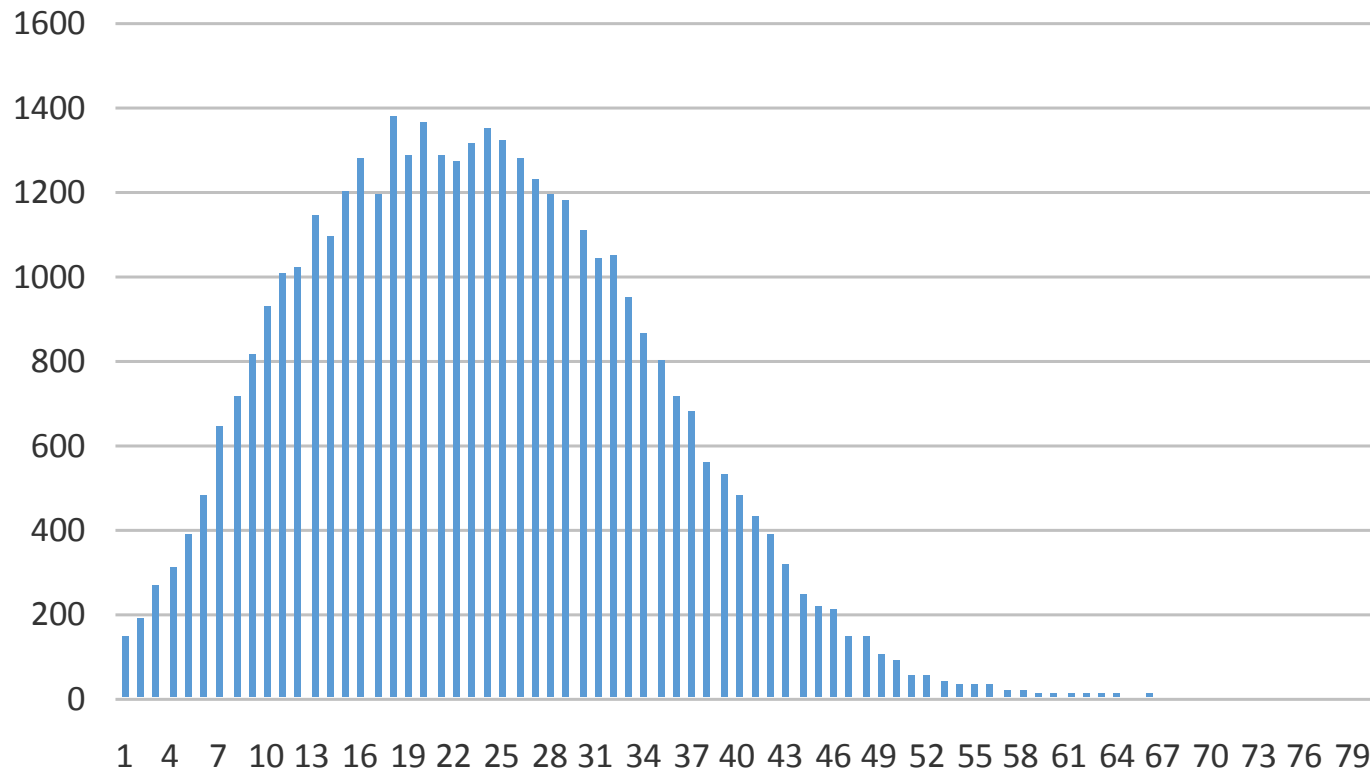


Foundation maths paper 1



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Mock 1: Paper 1F - distribution of marks



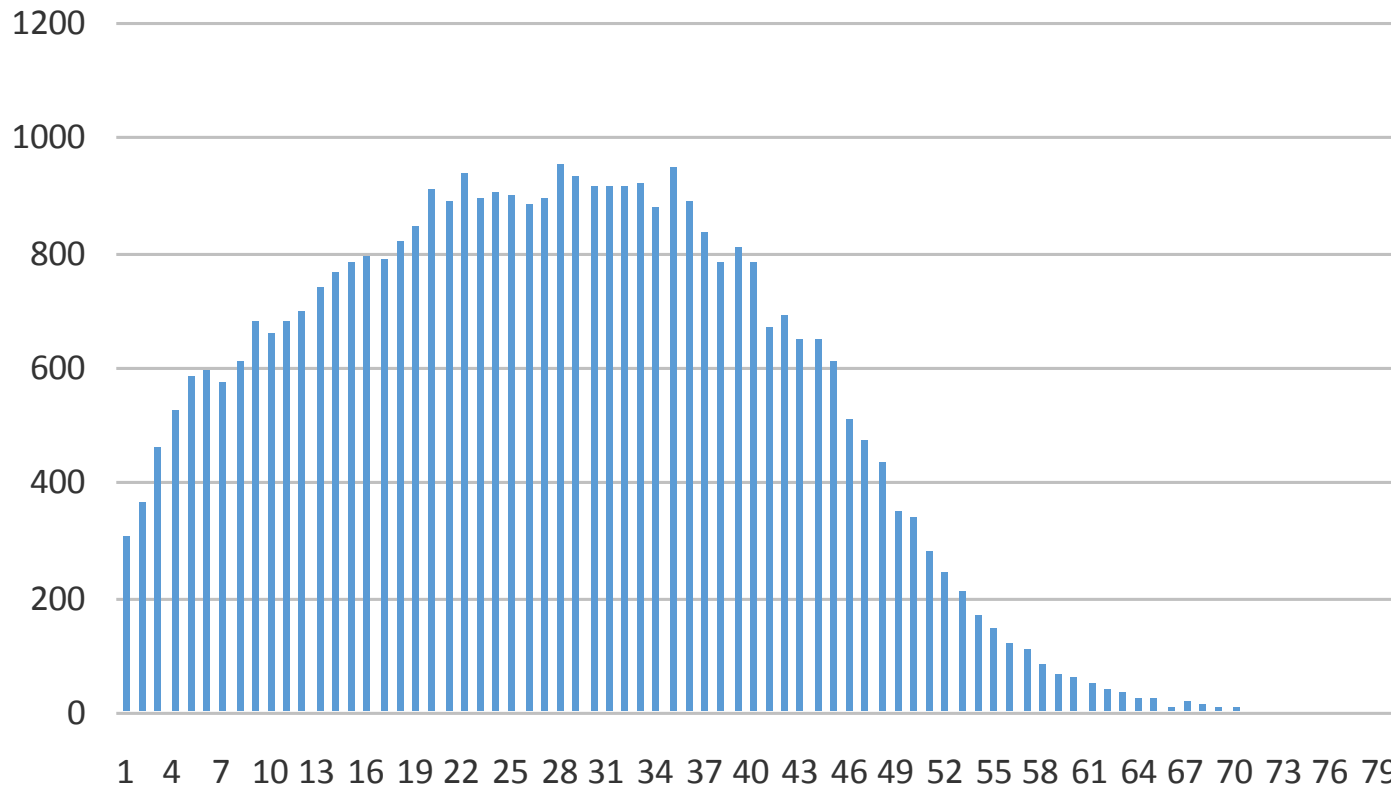
Mean mark: 23.39 st dev: 10.8
modal mark: 18 median mark: 23

Foundation maths paper 2



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Mock 1: Paper 2F - distribution of marks



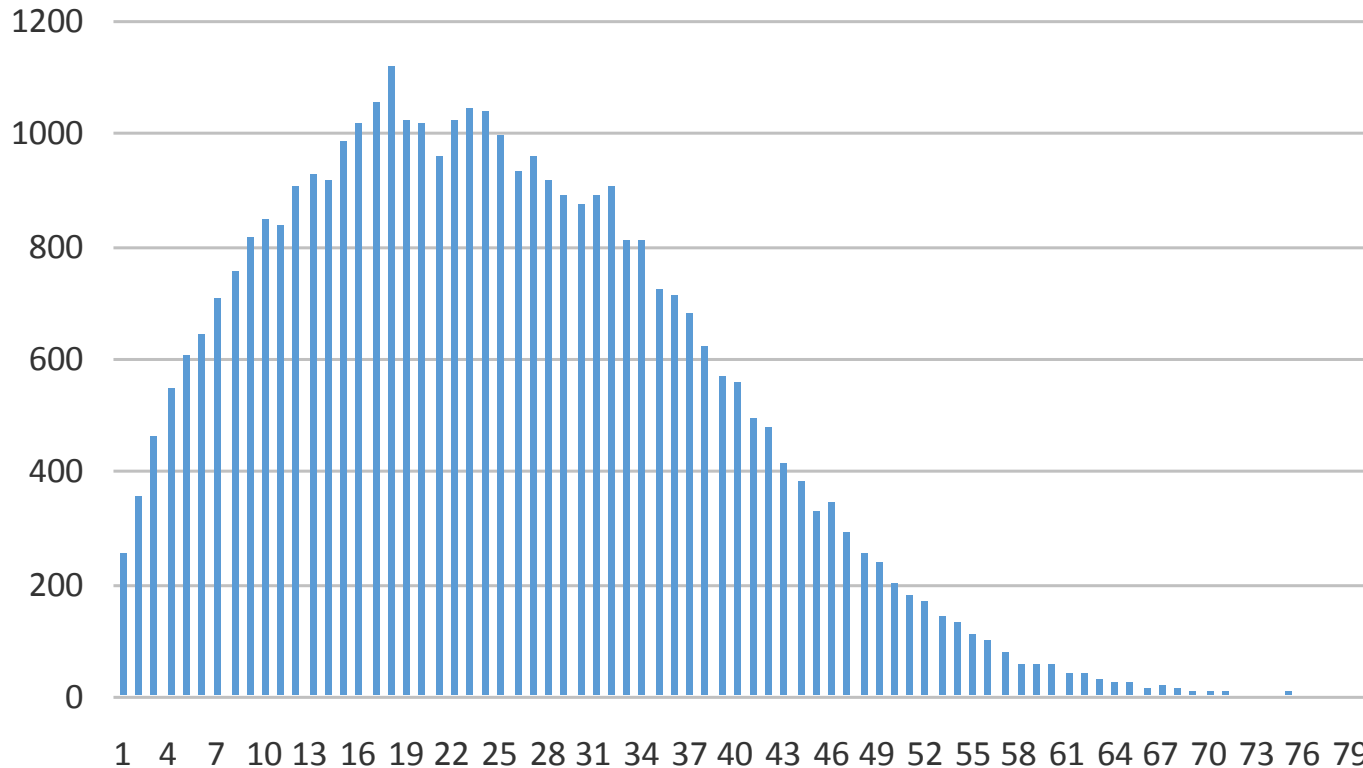
Mean mark: 27.07 st dev: 13.9
modal mark: 35 median mark: 26

Foundation maths paper 3



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Mock 2: Paper 3F - distribution of marks

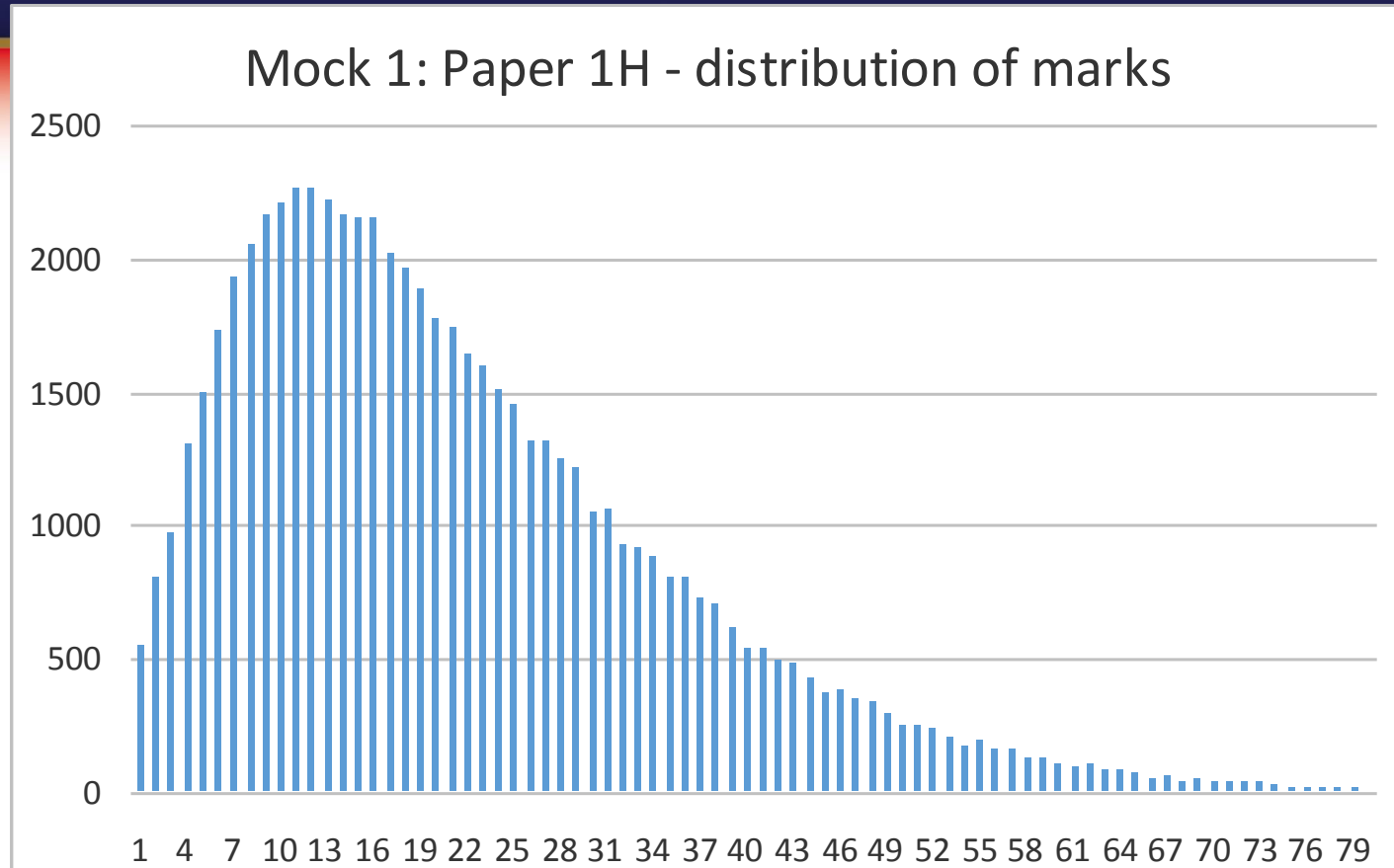


Mean mark: 24.45 st dev: 13.2
modal mark: 18 median mark: 22

Higher maths paper 1



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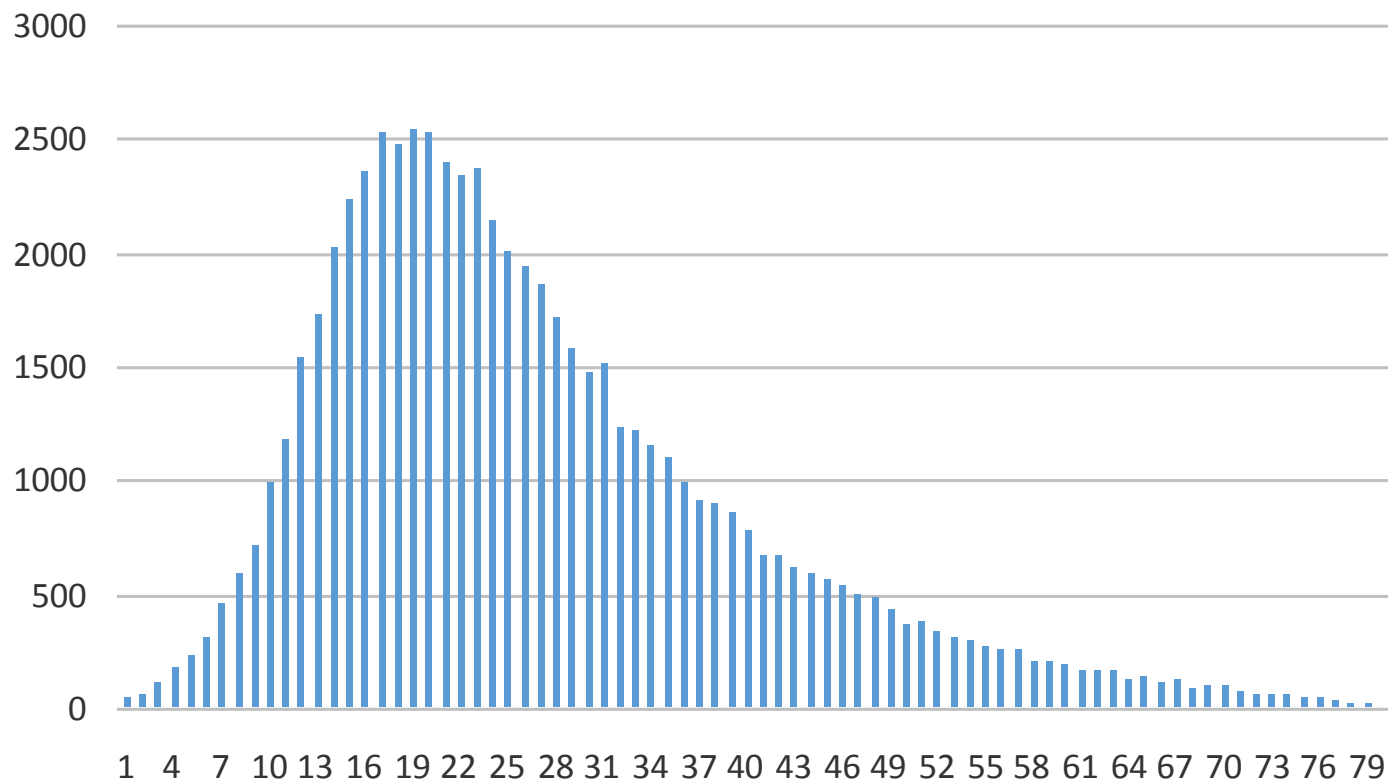
Mean mark: 21.29 st dev: 13.6
modal mark: 11 median mark: 17

Higher maths paper 2



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Mock 1: Paper 2H - distribution of marks



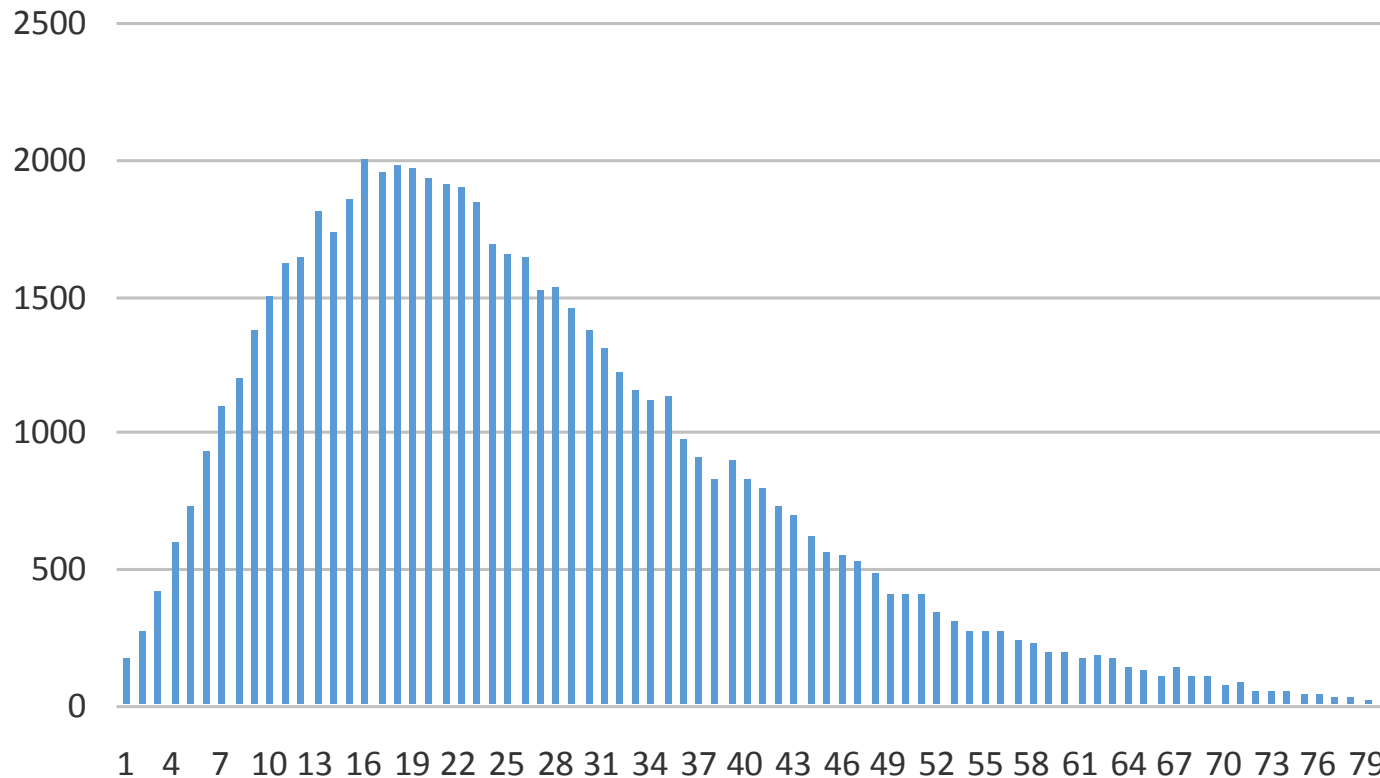
Mean mark: 26.69 st dev: 13.3
modal mark: 19 median mark: 23

Higher maths paper 3



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Mock 1: Paper 3H - distribution of marks



Mean mark: 25.75 st dev: 14.4
modal mark: 16 median mark: 22

Key messages for maths



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- Marks are much lower than last year across the country
- Our average mark is in line with the national picture
- Grades will be adjusted so that 70% achieve a grade 4 or better and 20% achieve a grade 7 or better
- Do not give up!
- Use past papers and Hegarty maths to revise

How exams are marked



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- Scanned into a computer
- Sent to an examiner (usually a teacher or ex-teacher)
- Mark them in their spare time
- Usually marking 400 exam scripts over two weeks
- Maths – 20 questions x 400 = 8,000 questions



Importance of ensuring you show your thought processes



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- Write and present as neatly as you can
- Show your working clearly
- Look at how many marks each question is worth – it's a clue about how many points you need to make



- Data from AQA English Language 'National GCSE Mock' January 2017:
- Mean mark for Paper 1 is 40/80
- Mean mark for Paper 2 is 37/80
- Approx 40,000 scripts were submitted by schools across the country.
- Aim for at least 40/80 on each paper if they want to get a grade 4 or above as 40 was required to get a 'C' last year.

GCSE English



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- Year 11 sat all four papers during the March trial examinations: 2 x English Language (Paper 1 & 2) and 2 x English Lit.
- For the last trial exams before Christmas, you only sat one English Language (Paper 1) and one English Literature paper.
- Can't compare 'like for like'. However, staff are reporting that there have been pleasing, significant improvements in your responses on English Language Paper 1 this time.
- Need do more work on English Language Paper 2 with you as responses are weaker on this more difficult paper.

- **Quotations +structured** their ALL answers using the PEEAD model = **SUCCESS**.
- Some people missed out entire essay questions on the Lit
- Panicking when they saw a difficult essay question.
- Better to plan it first using topic paragraphs/ remembering the approach that their teacher has taught them.

Key messages from the English staff



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- We have identified students for 2 x form intervention sessions (Tues and Weds) to work on questions for the English Language Paper where their responses are weak. They must attend!
- Tuesday 1 and Friday 1 intervention will also focus on the same question types covered in form time.
- Revision booklets will be uploaded to SMHW for students to use over Easter.
- We **expect** students, as part of their **Easter revision**, to **learn key quotes for all their texts**.

Key messages - continued



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- The Parents Information evening will take place on 20th April.
- Lesson attendance is proving a barrier to learning for many.
- Students must be resilient and attempt all questions in an exam
- You should be writing/checking/improving right up until the end of the exam!
- Students should **always paragraph-plan for Lit and on the writing sections** for English Language.

How much time is left before the exams start?



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When should I start revising?



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- If you haven't, you must start now
- 6 weeks and 12 exams – 3 nights revision per exam.
Not a lot of time!
- Do not treat Easter as holiday
- After usual summer holiday you forget
- If you treat Easter as a holiday your achievement level
will be worse than it is now.

How to gain an additional five weeks of normal revision time



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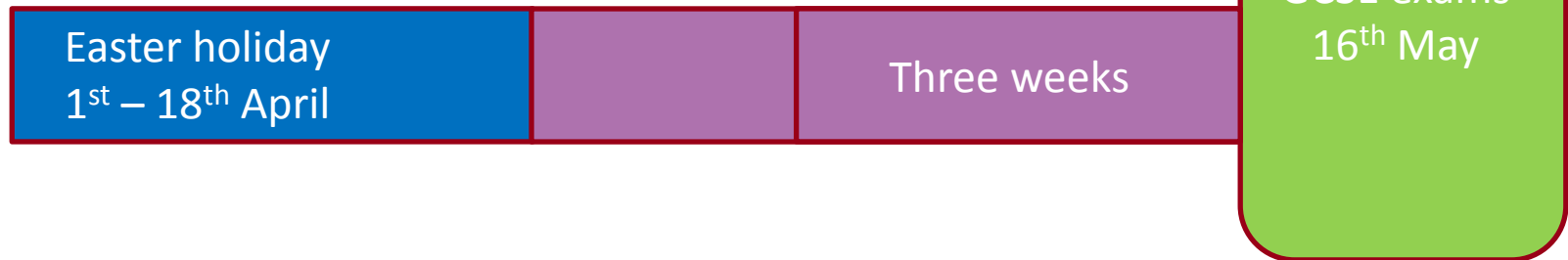
- Do not treat Easter as a holiday
- Revise Mon – Friday but use mornings or afternoons (10am – 1pm or 1 – 4pm)
- Gives you an extra 50 hours revision time = 5 weeks of evening revision time
- Try also do 2 hours in the evening (7 – 9pm)
- Unfortunately some people will not take this advice
- They will not get the grades they are capable of.

How much time will you give yourself to revise?



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- 90 hours divided by 12 exams = 4 nights per exam
- 40 hours divided by 12 exams = 1.5 nights per exam
- 30 hours divided by 12 exams = 1 night per exam



Where can I get help?



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A screenshot of a web browser displaying the AQA Exams administration website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes. The website header includes the AQA logo with the tagline 'Realising potential', navigation links for 'Contact us', 'About us', and 'Log in', and a 'Site search' box. Below the header, a menu bar highlights 'Exams administration' among other options like 'Subjects', 'Qualifications', and 'Professional development'. The main content area is titled 'Find past papers and mark schemes' and includes a sub-header 'Find past papers and mark schemes for your exams, and specimen papers for new courses.' Below this, there is a 'Find' section with four dropdown menus: 'Subject' (labeled 'Which subject?'), 'Qualification' (labeled 'What type of qualification?'), 'Specification' (labeled 'Which specification?'), and 'Series' (labeled 'When was the exam?'). To the left of the main content, a sidebar menu lists various exam-related topics, with 'Exams guidance' expanded to show 'Exam papers and stationery', 'Estimated grades', 'Send scripts for marking', 'Invoices and how to pay', and 'Find past papers and mark schemes'. At the bottom of the page, a Windows taskbar is visible, showing icons for various applications and the system clock indicating 21:29 on 27/03/2017.

Find past papers and mark schemes

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Find

Subject

Qualification

Specification

Series

Can't find your papers?

- Some question papers are not available online and older question papers and mark schemes are removed from our public website and Secure Key Materials (SKM) after three years because of [copyright restrictions](#) (except for Maths and Science).

Get organised



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Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs.
7-8pm	English	Science	Maths	Science	English
8-9pm	Geog.	Prod. Des.	Bus. St.	French	Maths

- Keep it realistic
- Keep it flexible
- Give yourself breaks
- Use past papers

Final thoughts



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- No-one likes to fail...

but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.

Theodore Roosevelt

25th President of the United States 1907

- The greatest danger in life is not setting your aim too high and failing...

it is aiming too low and hitting the mark.

Michelangelo

Italian Renaissance sculptor, artist and poet 1540



- You have worked hard to get to where you are
- You are on the home straight now
- Push yourself over Easter and you will return ready to achieve your best in the exams