

RESULTS DAY & BEYOND

YOUR IB RESULTS: WHAT TO EXPECT & WHAT TO DO **NEXT**

A calm, complete walkthrough of results day — how to access your marks, what they mean, and every option open to you afterwards.

- For DP2 students & their families

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01 RESULTS DAY

WHAT HAPPENS, AND WHEN

DAY ONE

Early July

THE IB RELEASES RESULTS TO YOUR SCHOOL

Results are published to schools online first. Coordinators can see them a day before students — so there's nothing to do yet.

DAY TWO

The next day

YOU CAN ACCESS YOUR RESULTS ONLINE

Marks typically become available to students from around midday (roughly 12–2 pm; release windows vary).

ⓘ **Don't worry if the site is slow.**
High traffic is normal — your results aren't going anywhere.

AFTERWARDS

Up to 14 days

UNIVERSITIES RECEIVE YOUR RESULTS

The IB sends results directly to your chosen institutions — this can take up to two weeks. Worried? Contact their admissions office directly.



Your IB Personal Identifier

The candidate number issued to you by the IB.



Your PIN

Keep both to hand before the release window opens.

BY THE NUMBERS

LAST IB EXAM SESSION BROKEN DOWN

A snapshot of the most recent May session worldwide. The vast majority of candidates pass — and a single number rarely tells the whole story.

202,102

CANDIDATES WORLDWIDE

81.9%

DP DIPLOMA PASS RATE

30.6

AVERAGE DIPLOMA SCORE
/ 45

4.7

AVERAGE GRADE PER
SUBJECT / 7

~1.8%

of diploma candidates retook an exam last session — roughly **2,300 students** giving their results a second chance.

02 INTERPRETING YOUR RESULTS

HAVE YOU PASSED THE DIPLOMA?

Passing the IB Diploma isn't only about your total points — every candidate must satisfy a set of conditions across grades, the core, and minimum thresholds.

THE CORE CONDITIONS

These apply to every diploma candidate.

- ✓ A total of **at least 24 points**.
- ✓ Grades **A–D on both your EE and TOK** (no E's).
- ✓ At least a **2 in every subject** (and no more than two 2's).
- ✓ **No more than three 3's** across your subjects.

THE HL & SL THRESHOLDS

Your points must also clear these minimums.

- ✓ At least **12 points across your HL subjects**.
- ✓ At least **9 points across your SL subjects**.
- ✓ At least a **2 in every subject** (and no more than two 2's).

ⓘ These count only towards the **full IB Diploma** — course candidates are assessed differently.

03 WHAT NEXT?

IF YOU'VE MET YOUR GOAL

Take a moment to celebrate — then lock in whatever comes next.

GOAL MET



University

Confirm your place and check any conditions are met.



Travelling

Plan a gap experience before the next chapter begins.



Work placement

Line up the role or apprenticeship you've been aiming for.



Gap year

Use the time intentionally — for skills, savings or experience.

03 WHAT NEXT?

IF YOU DIDN'T – DON'T PANIC

IF YOU DIDN'T

HOLD AN OFFER? ACT CALMLY

Let yourself feel disappointed – but don't despair. There are more options than it feels like right now.

- 1 Speak to your school's counsellor or coordinator.
- 2 Contact university admissions about an arrangement.
- 3 Research alternatives – a foundation year, a different course, or clearing.
- 4 Evaluate honestly whether retakes are right.

WANT TO IMPROVE?

FIRST REFLECT, THEN BUILD A STRATEGY

Before deciding anything, get specific about what happened.

- ✓ Which areas **didn't go the way you planned?**
- ✓ What did you **struggle with** – content, timing, or technique?
- ✓ Then choose your route: a **re-mark** or a **retake**.

04 RE-MARKS

ASKING FOR A RE-MARK

A re-mark — formally an Enquiry Upon Results (EUR) — has your work looked at again for more detailed feedback, and a chance to change your grade.



How it starts

Ask your DP Coordinator to submit an EUR on your behalf — you can't request one directly.



How long

EURs typically take around two weeks to come back.



The risk

A re-marked grade can go **up or down** — go in knowing that.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF RE-MARK

EURs come in several categories — your coordinator can advise which applies. The most common are a re-mark of your externally assessed components and the return of your marked exam materials.

OTHER DETAILS TO KNOW

- ✓ A re-mark can only happen **once per subject**.
- ✓ Requests must be made within **two months** (by 31 August).
- ✓ There's a **cost** — usually refunded if the grade changes.

05 RE-TAKES

SITTING AN EXAM AGAIN? WE CAN HELP

A retake is another attempt at one or more exams in the next examination period — the November session.

THE ESSENTIALS

HOW RETAKES WORK

You can retake one or more of your exams in the November session.

- 📅 **Register early** for a reduced rate, soon after results.
- 🕒 The **final registration deadline** falls in mid-October.

GOOD TO KNOW

- ✓ If you retake, the **highest score counts**.
- 🔄 A subject with a **curriculum change** means sitting the new syllabus.

WHERE & HOW MUCH

LOGISTICS & COST

The practicalities depend on your school's policy.

- 🏠 It's **up to your school** whether they run retakes at all.
- 🎵 If not, you'll **retake elsewhere** — and it's up to you to find a school that takes external candidates.

THE COST

- 💰 There's a fee, **set by wherever you retake**.
- 🏠 No school to sit at? **Lanterna can host your retakes at one of our partner schools in the UK.**

LANTERNA IB EXAM RETAKES

THE BEST WAY TO GO THROUGH YOUR RETAKES

Don't revise alone. We pair you with a qualified teacher who knows exactly how the IB is marked — so the months between sessions actually move your grade.

- ✓ One-to-one tutoring with a qualified IB teacher
- ✓ A revision plan built around your subjects
- ✓ Exam technique tuned to the November session

700+

IB expert tutors

20+

years of experience

96%

of families recommend us

GET STARTED ↗

Retake tutoring

One-to-one support with a qualified teacher, built around the November exams and re-applying to university with confidence.

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FIND IT AT

lanterna.com/for-students/ib-exam-retakes

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

WE'RE IB PEOPLE, HERE TO HELP

Whatever your results say, you don't have to work out your next move alone. Lanterna's tutors have been exactly where you are — and know the IB inside out.

TALK TO LANTERNA →

700+

IB expert tutors worldwide, available for online private tutoring.

6/7

median subject grade after students complete tutoring with Lanterna.

20+

years of experience helping IB students and families succeed in the IB.