Below is a proposal to tweak/correct the MSc project mark form and marking guidelines. There have been suggestions of radical changes to the mark form, in an attempt to enforce consistency. But I'm not sufficiently in favour to write a proposal for that.

I propose two minor changes to the webmark form at:

https://webmark.inf.ed.ac.uk/fill/msc/msc

1. Change:
   40-49%: An inadequate performance for a Master's degree
   to
   0-49%: Inadequate for a Master's degree. A diploma might be awarded on the basis of exam marks.

2. Change
   H. Justification of the design problems
   to
   H. Justification of choices made
   (I don't know what "design problems" means, and no one I asked did either.)

I believe that the guidance for marks less 50% here:

https://webmark.inf.ed.ac.uk/note/msc/guidance

are wrong. Students can get a diploma without doing the project at all, and there is no longer any mechanism for minor corrections. I suggest updating to:

0-39 The dissertation is inadequate or poor on each of the basic criteria. The candidate will fail for MSc, but may obtain a diploma based on exam performance.

40-47 The dissertation is poor on each of the basic criteria. The candidate will fail for MSc, but may obtain a diploma based on exam performance.

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