

St Louis Grammar School

A Specialist School for Technology and Computing

Exam update 2/4/20 from CCEA

Dear Pupil/ Parent

Find below the latest from CCEA re. internal assessments.

Please remember this is correct at the time of publication and is subject to change.

Notification regarding internal assessment for all CCEA Qualifications

On 27th March and 30th March CCEA issued communications to centres asking that all activities around internal assessments should cease. Since then we have received several queries relating to qualifications other than GCSE and GCE that CCEA offers including: Occupational Studies, Entry Level qualifications, Certificate of Personal Effectiveness, and other vocationally related qualifications such as Preparation for Adult Life, and CCEA's Online Language Assessment (OLA).

In response to these queries we confirm that all activity around internal assessment, for all qualifications, should stop. The qualifications referenced above consist of 100% internal assessment and, in line with the public health guidance and the particular requirements set out in each qualification, we recognise that it is not possible for centres to continue with any coursework or other practical activities.

We have also received a number of queries regarding year 11 candidates. The instruction to discontinue with internal (controlled) assessment applies to all candidates, including those currently in year 11. We therefore ask that candidates in year 11 refrain from undertaking any activity relating to internal (controlled) assessments.

CCEA wish to reaffirm that all marking and administration activities with regards to internal assessment should cease. On 30th March this instruction was shared with centres and applies to all CCEA qualifications. In respect of completed assessments in each of these qualifications, we understand that centres may find it useful to store marks for their own use on the eCRS system; however, it is not a CCEA requirement in the current circumstances. If you have already uploaded marks on to the eCRS, these will not be submitted and do not need to be removed.

We understand that the advice set out above may raise questions about how grades will be awarded in each of these qualifications. CCEA are currently considering the fairest way to issue grades for learners who are studying qualifications other than GCSEs and A levels and we are working with regulators, awarding organisations and governments across the UK to agree how these should be graded this summer. Once an approach has been agreed with the Department of Education, we will share this with schools.

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