



# St Louis Grammar School

A Specialist School for Technology and Computing

**Exam update 17/4/20 from CCEA**

*Dear Pupil/ Parent,*

***Find below the latest from CCEA re. examination results.***

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

Find attached a link to the examination information that CCEA have put the following on their website:

<https://ccea.org.uk/summer-awarding>

I advise you to read these documents carefully especially those that relate to the guidance for pupils and parents.

Please pay particular attention to the following as this will be relevant to your son/ daughter:

## **A Level Awarding**

For A level, we anticipate that the calculated grade, which uses statistical predictions based on previous student performance combined with centre assessed grades and centre ranked order, will provide a reliable grade outcome. Students will not be required to take A level examinations through an additional sitting, such as an autumn series. They will have the opportunity to sit examinations as part of the Summer 2021 examination timetable.

## **AS Awarding**

AS qualifications are not only stand-alone qualifications but also contribute to A level qualifications – AS units are usually taken in Year 13 and A2 units in Year 14. Because of the contribution that AS outcomes make towards A level results, it has been important for us to fully consider the implications for A level qualifications in Summer 2021. Students who were due to sit their AS exams in 2020 will not be required to take those exams through an additional examinations timetable. Instead, they will be treated in a similar way to those taking A levels.

All AS students will receive an AS grade and there will be no AS exams until Summer 2021. The grade awarded will be based on a range of evidence. Awarding organisations are working towards the model on which grades will be awarded and in which centre assessed grades and centre rank orders will be used. The nature of the AS grade awarded in 2020 will not allow it to contribute to A level results in 2021.

In Summer 2021, students will have two options for their A level award. If a student chooses to only sit the required A2 units, then their AS outcomes will be calculated using statistical predictions based on their performance in the A2 units. If they choose to sit any AS units, alongside the A2 units, they will be awarded the highest grade at A level from either route.



# St Louis Grammar School

## A Specialist School for Technology and Computing

### **GCSE Awarding**

Students who were due to sit GCSE exams that would have led to a whole GCSE qualification this summer will be issued a grade using a combination of average centre performance, centre assessed grades and rank ordering.

Students entered for GCSE units in Summer 2020 that will lead to a GCSE grade in 2021 should not be issued with a grade. For those students, there will be two options. In 2021 they can sit the units they planned to take next year, and not the unit(s) they entered for in Summer 2020. These 2020 units will have a mark calculated using statistical predictions based on their performance in the 2021 units. As a result, an overall GCSE grade will be awarded in 2021. Alternatively, they can choose to sit all the units in Summer 2021. Whichever option a student chooses, they will be awarded the highest grade.

### **AWARDING FOR GCSE, AS AND A LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS SUMMER 2020**

For GCSE students, there will be no additional examinations timetabled above the already agreed November 2020, January 2021, March 2021 and Summer 2021 timetable provided by CCEA. This means that students who are dissatisfied with their grade outcomes provided by calculated grades will be able to sit some GCSEs in November, January and March. The remainder of components will be offered in Summer 2021.

#### **The timetable for November 2020 will include:**

Double Award Science (DAS) units in Biology, Chemistry and Physics  
Single Award Science (SAS) units in Biology, Chemistry and Physics

#### **The timetable for January 2021 will include:**

GCSE Mathematics (All units, 1–8)  
GCSE English Language (Unit 1 and 4)

#### **The timetable for March 2021 will include:**

Double Award Science (DAS) units in Biology, Chemistry and Physics  
Single Award Science (SAS) units in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Summer 2021 will include all GCSE, AS and A level units as timetabled.

If you have any concerns feel free to contact me at [emcglue729@c2kni.net](mailto:emcglue729@c2kni.net)

Please remember to stay safe and take care.

E McGlue