

Dear Pupil/ Parent,

Find below the latest from CCEA re FAO AS and Year 11 students. Please remember this is correct at the time of publication and is subject to change.

## A Level Awarding in Summer 2021 – applicable to our AS Students

AS pupils will receive a grade in Summer 2020 for their subject –this grade will not be worth anything towards their A-Level award. CCEA anticipate that the calculated grade, which uses statistical predictions based on previous student performance combined with centre assessed grades and centre rank orders, 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.

In Summer 2021, A2 students will have two options for their A level award.

## Option 1:

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.

## Option 2:

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

This decision will not need to be taken until you will be making summer 2021 entries. The candidate will not know until he/ she gets their results in August which will be the best option.

AS **<u>coursework</u>** completed thus far can be re-submitted for re-moderation as an AS component in the A2 year.



There is an appeals process should the candidate, in conjunction with their centre, believe there is basis for appeal.

We understand that this has been a very unsettling and challenging period for students and their families. The details published aim to give clarity and direction in previously unchartered waters and it is our aim to provide as much reassurance as possible that no student will be disadvantaged in these unprecedented circumstances.

These are the decisions that have been decided by Peter Weir, CCEA have to implement them.

# For us in St Louis it is vital that all AS courses are finished before the end of term (as is normal) as students may decide to repeat them units next year.

This is the same for AQA exam subjects as content often overlaps for A2 level. BTEC/ Applied courses in Year 13 all need to be finished as normal.

Finishing coursework may not be possible due to access to software/ equipment but please remember some pupils may decide to submit them next summer.

### YEAR 11

A similar model looks to be used for Year 11 pupils so it is important that they also finish their Year 11 work planned for this term especially as they might decide to sit their 'Year 11' modules next summer whilst in Year 12.

Further information from the relevant examination bodies may be found at:

### **CCEA Examinations**

https://ccea.org.uk/downloads/docs/cceaasset/Examinations/Guidance%20document%20for%20Student%2C%20Parents %20and%20Teachers 4.pdf



#### **English Board Examinations**

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/ attachment\_data/file/880612/Summer\_2020\_grades\_for\_GCSE\_AS\_A\_level\_gu idance\_for\_teachers\_students\_parents\_FINAL\_UPDATED\_21APR2020.pdf

Regards Mr E McGlue Examinations Officer