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Dear Parent / Carer / Student

Re: Year 13 – In-class Assessments & May Internal Examinations for Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs)

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, earlier this year, the Prime Minister announced the cancellation of this summer's examinations because of the impact of Covid-19 on students' ability to prepare in full for these examinations. Further to this, Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, announced that teacher assessments would be used to determine grades this summer.

I am writing to inform you of the details regarding assessments over the coming weeks that will inform Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs).

The May Internal Examination series will be the primary source of evidence for most subjects. Some subjects will also use In-class Assessments and samples of work that have already been completed (including Pre Public Examinations (PPEs)). Students will be made aware of when In-class Assessments will take place.

We want to assess as broad a range of the content of each specification as possible without disadvantaging any student. We are, therefore, making public the outline content of the May examinations. This has been shared with students and is available from class teachers.

The assessment information that will inform Centre Assessed Grades is as follows:

A-Level

Subject	May examination series	Other supporting evidence
English Literature: AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in English Literature A	Paper 2 – Texts in Shared Contexts: The Handmaid's Tale	Non-examined assessment (coursework) In-class assessments from Paper 1 and Paper 2
Mathematics: AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Mathematics	Paper 1 Paper 2 <i>Revision material and guidance on content has been shared with students and is available from the class teacher</i>	In-class assessments and exam board materials completed across the course
Biology: AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Biology	Paper 2 <i>Revision material and guidance on content has been shared with students and is available from the class teacher</i>	In-class assessments and exam board materials completed across the course
Chemistry: AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Chemistry	Paper 2 <i>Revision material and guidance on content has been shared with students and is available from the class teacher</i>	In-class assessments and exam board materials completed across the course

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Physics: AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Physics	Paper 2 <i>Revision material and guidance on content has been shared with students and is available from the class teacher</i>	In-class assessments and exam board materials completed across the course
History: AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in History	One examination consisting of two questions: (1) Wars of the Roses (2) USA: Making of a Superpower <i>Revision material and guidance on content has been shared with students and is available from the class teacher</i>	Non-examined assessment (coursework) In-class assessments and exam board materials completed across the course
Geography: Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Geography	Two examinations <i>Revision material and guidance on content has been shared with students and is available from the class teacher</i>	Non-examined assessment (coursework) In-class assessments and exam board materials completed across the course
Media Studies: WJEC Eduqas Level 3 Advanced GCE in Media studies	One examination <i>Revision material and guidance on content has been shared with students and is available from the class teacher</i>	Non-examined assessment (coursework) In-class assessments and exam board materials completed across the course
Psychology: AQA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Psychology	Paper 1 <i>Revision material and guidance on content has been shared with students and is available from the class teacher</i>	Paper 2 and Paper 3 assessments and exam board materials completed across the course
EPQ: AQA Level 3 Extended Project		Essay Production Log (Any additional research evidence submitted by students)
Art: Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Art and Design		The grade will be based solely on the student's portfolio.
Photography: Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Art and Design (Photography)		The grade will be based solely on the student's portfolio.

Applied Courses: Applied subjects are required to submit an overall qualification grade based on various sources of evidence including completed units, partially completed internal assessments and assessments based on exam board materials.

Subject	Unit grades already submitted and verified	Other units to be completed that will count as supporting evidence
IT: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology	Unit 2 - <i>Creating systems to manage information</i>	Unit 1 - <i>Information systems</i> Unit 3 - <i>Using social media in business</i> – Assignments A & B Unit 6 - <i>Web development</i> – Assignments A & B

Subject	Unit grades already submitted and verified	Other units to be completed that will count as supporting evidence
Business: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business	Unit 2 - <i>Developing a marketing campaign</i>	Unit 1 - <i>Exploring business</i> Unit 3 - <i>Personal and business finance</i> Unit 8 <i>The recruitment process</i>
Engineering: AQA Level 3 Foundation Technical Level Engineering	Unit 1 - <i>Materials technology and science</i> Unit 2 - <i>Mechanical systems</i>	Unit 4 - <i>Engineering design</i> Unit 5 - <i>Production and manufacturing</i>
Public Services: Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Public Services (QCF)	Unit 1 - <i>Government policy and the public services</i> Unit 2 - <i>Leadership and teamwork in the public services</i> Unit 3 - <i>Citizenship and diversity and the public services</i> Unit 4 - <i>Understanding discipline in the uniformed public services</i> Unit 5 - <i>Physical preparation, health and lifestyle for the public services</i>	Unit 7 - <i>International institutions and human rights</i> Unit 8 - <i>Understanding the impact of war, conflict and terrorism on public services</i>
Applied Science: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National extended Certificate in Applied Science	Unit 2 - <i>Practical scientific procedures and techniques</i>	Unit 1 - <i>Principles and Applications of science I</i> Unit 3 - <i>Science investigation skills (Assessed in May examination series)</i>
Performing Arts: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts	Unit 1 - <i>Investigating practitioners' work</i> Unit 2 - <i>Developing skills and techniques for performance</i> Unit 19 - <i>Acting styles</i>	Unit 3 - <i>Group performance</i>
Music: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance	Unit 3 - <i>Ensemble performance</i> Unit 6 - <i>Solo performance</i>	Unit 1 - <i>Practical music theory and harmony</i> Unit 2 - <i>Professional practice in the music industry</i>
Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity		Unit 1 - <i>Body systems and the effects of physical activity</i> Unit 2 - <i>Sports coaching and activity leadership</i> Unit 3 - <i>Sports organisation and development</i> Unit 8 - <i>Organising Sports events</i> Unit 18 - <i>Practical skills in Sports and physical activities</i>

Below is the timetable for the May Internal Examination series:

Date	Time	Subject	Length	Time	Subject	Length
Mon 10 May 2021	08:45	English Literature	1h			
Tue 11 May 2021	08:45	History	2h	13:30	Media Studies	2h 30
Wed 12 May 2021				13:30	Geography	1h30
Thur 13 May 2021	08:45	Core Maths	1h30			
Fri 14 May 2021	08:45	Applied Science (BTEC)	2h			
Mon 17 May 2021	08:45	Psychology	2h	13:30	Food Science	1h30
Tue 18 May 2021	08:45	Biology	2h	13:30	Maths	2h
Wed 19 May 2021	08:45	Geography	1h30			
Thur 20 May 2021	08:45	Maths	2h			
Fri 21 May 2021	08:45	Chemistry	2h			
Fri 21 May 2021	08:45	Physics	2h			

If you have any questions regarding the assessment process, please don't hesitate to contact me on the following email address: rdavies@thespirescollege.com

Yours sincerely



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