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2019-2020 PEARSON UK GCSE AND A LEVEL EXAMINATION UPDATE

Dear Parent/ Guardian

PEARSON UK released a statement on the 3rd April regarding the process for awarding grades for the May/June 2020 examination series. Again, I have summarised the key points below; the detailed document can be viewed [here](#).

How will grades be awarded?

Schools must use their professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grade they believe a student would have achieved had they sat their exams this year. It is important that schools and colleges take into account the full range of available evidence when they grade students - including non-exam assessment; the results of any homework assignments or mock exams; and any other records of student performance over the course of study. We are also asking schools and colleges to provide a rank order of students within each grade.

Do schools and colleges need to submit the evidence they have used for grading?

No, schools and colleges do not need to submit any supporting evidence, such as student work, to exam boards, but they should retain records of this in case exam boards have any queries about the data. The Head of Centre will need to confirm that the centre assessment grades, and the rank order of students are a true representation of student performance.

Will students see the centre assessment grades their school or college submits?

No. It is important schools and colleges do not share provisional grades, nor rank orders, with students or parents and carers before final results have been issued. This is to protect the integrity of the teachers' judgements, and to avoid teachers, Heads of Department or Heads of Centre feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence. Once centre assessment grades have been submitted to exam boards, the process to produce the final grades will start.

What about the Pearson International- how will they award grades?

Pearson international have not released a statement yet, as soon as we receive information, we will share this with the AAESS community.

Which exams does AAESS offer under the Pearson UK board and the Pearson International board?

Pearson UK GCSE

Arabic, Art & Design - Fine Art, Art & Design – Graphics, French, Italian, Physical Education, Psychology
Spanish

Pearson International IGCSE

Human Biology, Mathematics

Pearson UK AS & A Level subjects

Arabic, Art & Design, Graphics, French, Physical Education

Pearson International AS & A level subjects

Psychology

Yours sincerely

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