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Giro d'Italia Cycle Race and Examinations

The Giro d'Italia Cycle Race is taking place across N Ireland from 9 to 11 May 2014. On Friday 9 May the race route in Belfast will be closed to traffic from 9.30am to 12.30pm and again from 4pm to 8pm. It is expected that these road closures and the anticipated volume of spectator traffic will lead to a certain amount of disruption and congestion in and around the Greater Belfast area.

Whilst the event is taking place before the main summer examination series starts, awarding organisations have indicated that a number of timetabled examinations are scheduled for 9 May. We are asking that you give consideration to the possible implications of traffic congestion and disruption in your school area which may affect the ability of your students to sit their timetabled examinations. You might wish to consider contingency/alternative arrangements which could be put in place to ensure that the examinations in your school run smoothly.

Guidance on the conduct of examinations is available on the JCQ website <http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/ice---instructions-for-conducting-examinations>. I am sure that you will want all relevant members of your staff to be familiar with this guidance. In addition you may wish to speak with individual awarding organisations should you need further information.

CCEA, as the qualification regulator, will be happy to discuss any further concerns you may have.

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