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To: The Principals of Post-primary Schools and Directors of Further and Higher Education

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cc. Examinations Officers

Change to marking arrangements for the CCEA GCE Physics practical assessments (AY131, AY132, AY231, AY232)

To date, the above practical assessments have been internally marked by teachers after the timetabled date for the assessments and all scripts were then submitted to CCEA where Examiners checked the marking on a script-by-script basis.

From the May 2014 examination series onwards, all GCE Physics AS3 (AY131 and AY132) and A23 (AY231 and AY232) practical assessments will be externally marked by CCEA just as the current theory examinations are marked. Teachers are no longer required to mark the practical scripts in advance of their submission to CCEA.

Arrangements for returning practical scripts to CCEA

Please return the AS 3 Practical scripts and the A2 3 Practical scripts together with the corresponding Advice Notes to the Examinations Officer as soon as the individual exam sessions have finished. These will be collected from your centre by CCEA the day after the timetabled exam sitting. If the collection scheduled for the day after the practical exam does not take place, please contact CCEA immediately so another pick up can be arranged.

The information regarding the marking of practical assessments will be updated on the GCE Physics specification very soon and the updated version will be uploaded to the Physics microsite (<http://www.ccea.org.uk/physics/>).

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