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To: The Head of Department - Journalism

For circulation to: All Teachers of GCSE Journalism in the Media and Communications Industry and
The Examinations Officer

GCSE Journalism in the Media and Communications Industry Mock Online Examination – February 2019

CCEA will be running the GCSE Journalism **mock online examination** in early February 2019.

CCEA requires that all centres who are entering candidates into the GCSE Journalism online examination in Summer 2019 take part in the mocks to give practice to candidates using the online examination system and also to enable technicians to practice the setting up and running of the exam. The mock exam will be a **requirement** before your centre undertakes the live examination in the Summer, to ensure that all systems will run smoothly on the day.

It is compulsory that your centre receive this opportunity for a practice technical run through prior to the Summer sitting.

Please Note: CCEA may use some of the completed mock examination scripts internally for trial marking purposes. However, this will be for examiner marking training only and these marks will not be issued to centres. Candidate scripts will be returned to the teacher a few days after the examination along with the mark scheme and any associated stimulus.

The mock examination will take place as follows:

Wednesday 6 February 2019
10.00am – 11.30am (Session 1 – Section A,B & C)
11.45am – 12.15pm (Session 2 – Section D)

Please Note: The GCSE Journalism mock will NOT be based on the Specimen Assessment Paper

Section A Recall Areas

In order to help teachers to prepare candidates for the recall questions in Section A of the forthcoming mock examination, please find a list below of the areas of content which will feature:

- Understanding of the purpose of the Freedom of Information Act
- Ofcom Broadcasting code (Sections 3 & 6)
- Using the legal defence of accord and satisfaction
- Duties of a daily newspaper editor
- Types of target audience (by demographic scope – i.e. regional/national/local)
- Radio Technical Features/Terminology (term for background noise)
- TV News Features (studio presenter / clock / graphic - ticker tape accepted)

Please note: This information does not relate in any way to the live summer examination. Teachers must ensure that all specification content areas are covered in preparation for the live summer assessment.



Section D Pre-Release

The Section D pre-release material, which candidates can view in advance of the mock examination, will be issued at time of registration.

Mock Examinations Registration Process

Registration Deadline:

The **closing date** for registration is **Monday 7th January 2019**.

**** It is imperative in particular that ALL registrations for ALL LEVELS are in by this date, due to the transfer of files to C2k Schools, in particular. The files will be automatically rolled out based on the Mock registration list provided to C2k by CCEA. Failure to register by this date may mean that your centre cannot participate in the mock examinations and potentially the Summer Examination Series. ****

Registration Link:

To enter for the mock examinations **teachers** must **register** their candidates online via the website: <http://www.ccea.org.uk/journalismregister>. Before registering please have both the **teacher and technician's name, email address** and also your **centre number** to hand.

Registration will **open** for teachers on **Monday 3rd December 2018** when the above link will be activated.

Candidate Logins:

Once registered, a page will display the **candidates' logins** which teachers should make a note of. These numbers are **NOT** the pupils' usual candidate numbers but are instead numbers generated exclusively for use in the mock exam. These will be displayed on the web page after registration and will also be emailed to the teacher.

Teacher Instructions and Step by Step Guide: The teacher must download the *Teacher Instructions* and *Step by Step Guide* booklets using the link provided. These documents will provide instructions on how to run the mock examination. The teacher must then give the *Step by Step Guide* booklet to the school technician as it relates to the technical set up and running of the mock examination.

Mock Exam Hard Copy Hand-outs: Section D Question 13 Pre-Release Material & Section C Question 12 Stimulus Insert

Please note that the insert featuring two articles for use in Question 12 and the pre-release material for use in Question 13 will be emailed to teachers once they have registered. Teachers should ensure that the Question 13 pre-release material is issued to students in advance of the exam and the insert for Question 12 must only be issued to students at the start of the exam sitting.

A clean copy of the Question 13 pre-release material and the Question 12 insert must be made available to all candidates during the mock exam sitting.

On the Day Password:

The **password** for use on the day will be sent by **email** on **Thursday 10th January 2019** to the **teacher**.

PC only compatibility: Please note that the mock examination will NOT be available on Mac computers. They will only run on PC computers.

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