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To: The Head of Science

For circulation to: All Teachers of Life and Health Sciences

GCE AS/A2 Life and Health Sciences Important Update

Candidate Mark Records

The CCEA Candidate Mark Records must be used by centres to record candidate marks and should be attached to the front of each portfolio when submitting to CCEA for moderation.

Please note: the Candidate Mark Records for Brain Science (AS 4); Microbiology (A2 6) and Oral Health & Dentistry (A2 7) have been amended following consultation with moderators and with teachers at agreement trials to allow the awarding of marks to individual investigations/reports. The rationale is that these amendments will make it easier to award a mark to students who show variation in the standard of their investigations/reports by allowing an average mark, across investigations, to be calculated. There has also been some changes to the AO objectives awarded for these units where it was felt that an investigation was not possible due to limitations of school laboratories.

Candidate Mark Records are available from:

https://www.rewardinglearning.org.uk/microsites/life_health_sciences/gce/internal_assessment/index.asp

eCandidate Record Sheet (eCRS)

Teachers must also submit their marks via the *eCandidate Record Sheet*. You can access both the login page and detailed information on how to complete the eCRS via the E-Moderation site:

http://cea.org.uk/qualifications/e_moderation

Please note: 1 May 2019 is the closing date for submission of online marks using the eCRS and is also the collection date for samples. (Sample details will be with centres by 3 April 2019).

Word Counts

At present, word-counts for internal assessment units are provided merely for guidance – no penalty will be applied for any deviation from the suggested word-count.

Harvard Referencing

The following website may provide useful guidance if required (other websites and resources are also available): <http://www.citethisforme.com/harvard-referencing>

Microsoft Word also has a built in tool for Harvard Referencing <https://library.lit.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/MSWordRefToolSept17.pdf>

Please note: Web references have been checked and are correct and accessible at the date of issue but may be updated or removed over time. CCEA accepts no responsibility for the content of listed publications or websites.

Schemes of Work

The schemes of work for AS and A2 units are now available on the Life and Health Sciences Microsite and provide suggestions for organising and supporting students' learning activities. These are intended to assist teachers in developing their own schemes of work and should not be considered as being prescriptive or exhaustive.

Subject-Specific Email Alerts

If you would like to receive subject-specific email alerts (to include support and event notifications), please subscribe now at the following link: http://ccea.org.uk/qualifications/revision/keep_date

Subject Microsite

http://ccea.org.uk/life_health_sciences/

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