

Circular S/IF/30/20

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To: The Head of Department - Journalism

For circulation to: All teachers of Journalism and The Examinations Officer(s)

GCSE Journalism in the Media and Communications Industry Mock Examination Registration 2021

CCEA will be running the GCSE Journalism **mock online examination** in early February 2021.

CCEA requires that all centres who are entering candidates into the GCSE Journalism online examination in Summer 2020 take part in the mock 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 3 February 2021

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

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- 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.

Registration

Registration for all mock exams will take place online. Registration will open in early December and a circular with full instructions will be distributed to all centres and posted on the subject area of the CCEA website by the end of November.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this circular please contact:

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