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

For circulation to: Principals, Heads of Mathematics, Teachers of GCSE Statistics and Examination Officers

GCSE Statistics Online Marking from Summer 2023

For Summer 2023 and onwards, the full suite of GCSE Statistics external examination papers (GST11, GST12, GST21 and GST22) will be marked online.

The change to online marking will not affect the structure and format of the examination papers.

The questions will still be provided in booklet form and candidates will still be required to provide responses to the questions within the booklet.

The spacing for responses remains the same, whether in written or diagrammatic form.

However, as the examination papers will be marked online, each page will have a boxed area that contains the question and response space. Candidates must not write outside the boxed area on each page as this will not be copied across when scanned for online marking.

Candidates must also use a black pen only and must not write with a gel pen.

Furthermore, there may be blank pages within the booklet. Candidates must not write anything on these pages, as again, they will not be scanned.

Whilst there should be sufficient space in the booklets for candidates to set out their responses to each question, candidates can still ask for more paper, if they need it.

Please ensure candidates are aware of the above.

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