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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 GCE Further Mathematics and Examination Officers

GCE Further Mathematics Online Marking for Summer 2024 and onwards

For Summer 2024 and onwards, the full suite of GCE Further Mathematics external written examinations (SFM11, SFM21, AFM11 and AFM21) will be marked online.

Pure Mathematics: SFM11 and AFM11

Candidates will no longer be provided with a question paper and separate answer booklet for the SFM11 and AFM11 examinations.

The change to online marking for the SFM11 and AFM11 examinations will see candidates include their responses within a question and answer paper, similar to the existing GCE Mathematics question and answer papers.

You can see what this would look like by accessing the GCE Mathematics Pure Mathematics past papers from the CCEA website. [Past Papers & Mark Schemes | CCEA](#)

Pages within the question and answer paper will have a boxed area that contains the questions and response sections. Candidates must not write outside the boxed area as this will not be copied across when scanned for online marking.

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

Candidates must use black ink only and must not write with a gel pen. Questions which require drawing or sketching should be completed using an HB pencil.

If candidates require additional paper, they must request a supplementary answer sheet booklet for online marking which they then place behind their question and answer paper.

Candidates will still be provided with a separate Mathematical Formulae and Tables Booklet.

Applied Mathematics: SFM21 and AFM21

Candidates will continue to be provided with a question paper and separate answer booklet for the SFM21 and AFM21 examinations. However, they will no longer be provided with a supplementary answer booklet.

The change to online marking for the SFM21 and AFM21 examinations will see candidates include their responses within a structured white answer booklet that will have dedicated spaces for each question and question part, where candidates must include their responses.

The diagrams that would normally have been included within the supplementary answer booklet will now be included within dedicated spaces within the white answer booklet, that is specific to the question paper.

You can view an exemplar white answer booklet within the GCE Further Mathematics area of the CCEA website. [Assessment | CCEA](#)

This Assessment section contains both an exemplar white answer booklet and an exemplar paper. The exemplar paper is the Summer 2022 GCE Further Mathematics AS Applied Mathematics paper edited with new instructions to candidates.

Pages within the white answer booklet will have a boxed area that contains the response sections. Candidates must not write outside the boxed area on each page as this will not be copied across when scanned for online marking.

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

Candidates must use black ink only and must not write with a gel pen. Questions which require drawing or sketching should be completed using an HB pencil.

If candidates require additional paper, they must request a supplementary answer sheet booklet for online marking which they then place behind their white answer booklet.

Candidates will still be provided with a separate Mathematical Formulae and Tables Booklet.

Webinar

Within the previously mentioned [Assessment section](#) you will also be able to view a short 12-minute webinar that provides information and guidance on the changes to the GCE Further Mathematics Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics external written examinations for Summer 2024 and onwards.

Candidates

Please ensure candidates are aware of all of the above.

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