

TAG Update 3: Friday 29th April

This week we have completed writing our 'Centre Policy' and have submitted it to the exam boards for approval.

This Centre policy document is now available on this section of the website. In it you will find explanations of the key processes which will be taking place over the next few months.

In addition to this our subject leaders have been working to select the assessments which they will use to make grading decisions. Their next steps are to decide on the 'weighting' of these assessments in the decision-making process.

'Mitigating Circumstances'

In previous years when exams have taken place, exam centres have been able to apply for 'Special Considerations' for individual students who have missed exams due to exceptional circumstances.

This year the exam boards have changed this system in response to the changes to the system of assessment. If a student has missed an assessment or their performance in the assessment has been impacted as a result of Covid-19, then they can apply for 'Mitigating Circumstances' to be applied to that assessment. The teacher then would need to decide whether the student has enough other evidence on which to base a grade. If there is not enough, the student will need to complete an alternative assessment.

It is important to note that we recognise that all of our candidates have experienced disruption to their education over the last two academic years. This procedure should only be applied to students who have faced significant additional difficulties at particular points in the year.

To apply for Mitigating Circumstances for an assessment, a student should complete the MS Form on the school website - https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=esHvM39D_0KMOvWin_1JKWYKym7IsQRKuRB5kq6yZ7pUN0IXWkFHUUoyNzZRS1INSUxVQTc0WkZKRy4u . They will need to be logged into their O365 account to do so. This is an important part of the security of the process.