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Dear Parent and Carers of Year 10 & 11 students,

For Summer 2021, the formal JCQ special consideration process is temporarily suspended. It is the responsibility of the exam centre (ie. the school) to take into account any requests for special consideration and decide if action is required for any of their students. The school must apply the usual special considerations eligibility criteria and adjustments. You will find further information about special considerations eligibility criteria below.

Please note, general disruption for students due to the COVID-19 pandemic is accounted for by the school's selection of evidence process and does not need to be submitted as a request for special consideration.

What is special consideration?

Special consideration is a post-examination adjustment to a candidate's mark or grade. This is to reflect temporary illness, temporary injury or some other event outside of the candidate's control at the time of the assessment. It is applied when the issue or event has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a candidate's ability to take an assessment or demonstrate his or her normal level of attainment in an assessment.

Special consideration can go some way to assist a candidate affected by a potentially wide range of difficulties, emotional or physical, which may influence performance in their examinations. It cannot remove the difficulty faced by the candidate. This means that there will be some situations where candidates should not be entered for an examination. This is because only minor adjustments can be made to the mark awarded. To make larger adjustments would jeopardize the standard of the examination.

Where long term circumstances have prevented the candidate from reaching the competence standards, it may not be possible to make an adjustment.

Who is eligible for special consideration?

Candidates will be eligible for special consideration if performance in examinations, coursework, or assessments is materially affected by adverse circumstances beyond their control. These include:

- Temporary illness or accident/injury at the time of the assessment;
- Bereavement at the time of the assessment (where whole groups are affected, normally only those most closely involved will be eligible);
- Domestic crisis arising at the time of the assessment;
- Serious disturbance during an examination, particularly where recorded material is being used;
- Accidental events at the time of the assessment such as being given the wrong examination paper, being given a defective examination paper or CD, failure of practical equipment, failure of materials to arrive on time;
- Participation in sporting events, training camps or other events at an international level at the time of the assessment, e.g. representing their country at an international level in chess or football;
- Failure by the centre to implement previously approved access arrangements for a specific examination series.

If you believe your child is entitled to special consideration, please click the link below to complete the Google Form and submit this to us before Monday 17th May 2021.

<https://forms.gle/9iFd8p7y8kT7NSwe7>

If you have any questions about this process, please contact exams@kelvinhall.net and somebody will get back to you.

Kind regards,

Mr Christopher Leng
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