



The Baroness Coussins
House of Lords
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Dear Lady Coussins,

HL3763: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether supplementary schools which are (1) registered as community language examination centres, and (2) not registered as community language examination centres, have been informed that they can provide their language students with teacher assessments and predicted grades on the same basis as mainstream schools.

The Baroness Berridge has asked Ofqual to respond to you directly regarding your recent parliamentary question. A copy of this response will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

On 3 April, we published our [Guidance for GCSEs, AS and A level awarding: summer 2020](#). As highlighted within the guidance, the information provided is relevant to all students and exam centres in England using GCSE, AS and A levels, Extended Project Qualifications (EPQ) and Advanced Extension Awards (AEA) in maths regulated by Ofqual and offered by AQA, OCR, Pearson, WJEC Eduqas, ASDAN and City & Guilds. This includes supplementary schools that are registered as exam centres, where they have entries for such qualifications.


Exam boards will ask exam centres to generate, for each subject, centre assessment grades for their students, and then to rank order the students within each of those grades.

Where supplementary schools are not exam centres, the guidance produced would not apply and those centres would be unable to submit centre assessment grades for candidates studying with them. In this case, students would need to be entered as private candidates at a registered

exam centre, as would be the case in any normal year where students would be sitting examinations.

When we published our [Information document on 3 April](#) we said that exam boards can issue calculated grades to private candidates for whom the head of an exam centre can confidently submit a centre assessment grade and include the student in their centre's rank order. On 30 April, exam boards published further guidance to support Heads of Centre making judgements about private candidates, and [we published an update to our own Information](#).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Collier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Sally Collier
Chief Regulator