



Updates for Leaving Cert Students May 18th 2020

Good morning to all. These are the only updates to hand as of May 18th 2020

Leaving Certificate Home Economics – Scientific and Social: An exceptional arrangement will be made for coursework in this subject. This coursework was submitted to the State Examinations Commission in 2019 and had already been provisionally marked at the point when schools closed. In the case of Home Economics Scientific and Social, the school will be asked to provide an estimated percentage mark for the written examination only. This provisional mark will not be adjusted as part of the statistical standardisation process. The mark will be combined with the DES calculated mark to arrive at the final mark for the candidate for grading. To avoid the provisional mark awarded to the journal influencing the school's judgment in respect of the final examination paper, the provisional mark assigned to the journal will not be released at this stage. It will however be made available following the issue of results.

Levels at which student is taking the subject

A student portal will enable students to confirm their opting-in to the calculated grades model and their confirmation of levels. This Leaving Certificate Candidate Self Service Portal will open shortly so that candidates can, in respect of each subject for which they are entered;

- a) Opt to receive a Calculated Grade, and,
- b) Finalise their entry level

Priorities

DES appreciates that that all partners have submitted questions on detailed aspects of the system, and these are currently being addressed. Some clarifications will be dealt-with in the context of the guidance being developed on Calculated Grading and others will be dealt with by means of Frequently Asked Questions on the Government website.

We will await clarification on many other issues.

We look forward to meeting with you online on Thursday at 11am for graduation.

Kind Regards

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