

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officers, Heads of Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, Science

Date: July 2015

Subject: A Level sciences – Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Human Biology, Physics, Science

Keeping you updated with coursework mark scheme changes

The 2016 coursework tasks for the current A level science qualifications were published on the OCR Interchange website (under the 'Science coordinator materials', 'GCE AS/A2 Upto 2015' tabs) last month. Mark schemes will be published on the same page on 1 December 2015.

Tasks were published for the following units –

Specification	Title	Unit
H021/H421	Biology	F213/F216
H034/H434	Chemistry A	F323/F326
H035/H435	Chemistry B (Salters)	F333
H087/H487	Geology	F793/F796
H023/H423	Human Biology	F223
H158/H558	Physics A	G483/G486
H178	Science (AS)	G643

From time to time OCR may need to publish clarification for a Task in light of centre queries. Please ensure that you check Interchange before using a Task for assessment to ensure that no modifications have been posted and that a check is made before final submission of marks to OCR by 15 May.

An e-mail alerts service is available. To be notified by e-mail when changes are made to A Level science pages please e-mail GCESciencetasks@ocr.org.uk and include your centre number, centre name, a contact name and, in the subject line, list the qualification(s) that you would like to receive updates for. **It is strongly recommended that all centres register for this service.**

We are aware that some centres may not know whether any of their staff are currently signed up for this service. We sent an email to the current list members on 1 July 2015 to confirm that they are signed up. If none of your colleagues received a message on that date, you should assume that you are not currently signed up.

Reformed A Level sciences for first teaching in September 2015

Practical Activities (PAGs) for the new A level science qualifications are also published on the OCR Interchange website (under the 'Science coordinator materials', 'GCE From 2015' tabs). They are currently labelled as draft, pending the outcome of a review by CLEAPSS. All 36 PAGs will be available in September 2015.

A new e-mail alerts service is being established for the PAGs. To receive e-mail alerts regarding updates we make to the support materials for the 2015 reformed specifications, please e-mail positiveaboutpractical@ocr.org.uk including your centre number, centre name, a contact name and, in

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