



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

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Year 9 IGCSE ICT Entry Arrangements June 2021

Dear Parents,

I sincerely hope you and your families are well. Following on from my letter to you all and the individual report you received on your son's theory mock examination, I am now pleased to be able to tell you more about the exam board's (Cambridge International) arrangements for entries this summer. As I said in my previous letter, we will now be entering all students in Year 9 who wish to take the qualification June 2021 not November 2021. Cambridge International have released a lot of detail about the grading process this summer. In summary:

- Students will be graded using teacher-assessed grades.
- Schools must provide a portfolio containing 3 pieces of evidence to support their grading.
- Assessment must be based on demonstrated achievement only, not a judgement on what could have potentially been achieved.

For our 3 pieces of evidence we intend to provide the following:

- One full practical past paper for Paper 2 (databases, word processing, mail merge and presentation software) done in class time. This will be as classwork/coursework and not completed under examination conditions.
- The theory mock examination (already completed).
- A practical examination taken by all students on the content of Paper 3. This will be a spreadsheet past paper question and a website task (this second task will be based on what the students have done on websites rather than a past paper). We will dedicate upcoming lesson time to preparing for this and ample notice will be given to candidates about when this will be taking place.

If you wish to look in more detail at what Cambridge International have said about their response to COVID-19 and assessment this summer, more information can be found here: <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/covid/>.

We remain committed to keeping entry for the qualification optional. For the last 4 years, we have written to parents and asked if they wish their son to be entered. However, due to the timing of the announcements and entry deadlines we need to act swiftly. We must have a complete list by Wednesday 3rd March 2021 of all candidates being entered.

We know it has been a tough year for all our students and keeping motivated while studying at home can be difficult. I must emphasise as per the exam boards directive, grades must be awarded based on demonstrated achievement not predicated grading based on aptitude. **We intend to enter all students who achieved a D grade or over in the theory mock examination ONLY for the qualification** unless we hear otherwise from you via filling in the Microsoft Forms survey below (to be returned no later than **5pm on Wednesday 3rd March 2021**): https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=E1T1PdfOSEuPbjC8TawIT4I13_pYU-ZAJjSS9Hpf19UQTBUVjFHNjhpNUw5UVZRTVJIR0xBQTdHOS4u

[Only fill the form in if you wish us to make an arrangement for your son that is different to what is set out in yellow above.]

We are not permitted to enter into discussion or comment on individual student grading for the centre assessed grades we submit. However to help guide your decision, I see no reason why this year our overall results should be very different to what they have been in recent years. Attached to this letter is a summary of recent results for our students entering for the qualification.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F. Round
Head of ICT and Computer Science

Queen Mary's Grammar School IGCSE ICT Results for Year 9 Students

Year	Grade	IGCSE ICT %	Total number awarded
2015 (94 entries)	A*	27	25
	A	40	38
	B	18	17
	C	14	13
	D	1	1
	Below D	0	0
	APS	6.8	
2016 (November sitting. 51 entries)	A*	18	9
	A	47	24
	B	23	12
	C	12	6
	D	0	0
	Below D	0	0
	APS	6.7	
2017 (101 entries)	A*	20	20
	A	21	21
	B	33	33
	C	21	21
	D	4	4
	Below D	1	2
	APS	6.2	
2018 (103 entries)	A*	21	22
	A	34	35
	B	28	29
	C	12	12
	D	5	5
	Below D	0	0
	APS	6.6	
2019 (130 entries)	A*	11	14
	A	45	58
	B	27	35
	C	13	17
	D	3	5
	Below D	1	1
	APS	6.4	
Overall (2015-2019) 479 Entries	A*	19	90
	A	37	176
	B	26	126
	C	14	69
	D	3	15
	Below D	1	3
	APS	6.5	
2020 (Total Entries 115)	A*	23	26
	A	38	44
	B	28	32
	C	11	13
	D	0	0
	Below D	0	0
	APS	6.7	

*APS = Average Point Score