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Statement on exams following national lockdown announcement by UK Gov

Statement from Laurie Baker, Strategic Education Advisor to the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture, on 2021 exams following the national lockdown announcement by the UK Government:

‘Bailiwick students sit many of the same exams, with the same exam boards, as their counterparts in the England and other parts of the United Kingdom so we are almost certainly going to be bound by the directions they give and the subsequent arrangements that our awarding organisations for GCSE, A Level, IB, technical and vocational qualifications provide. While Guernsey students have been in school since June – a fact we are delighted about and should certainly be celebrated when we consider the impact on other jurisdictions throughout the world – it is important that they follow the same process as all other students sitting the same exams.

‘At this stage we have to wait for further guidance to be issued by exam boards, but we will make sure our students and their families are informed of the final situation as soon as possible. We’d also want to reassure students that we will take every action possible to ensure that our exam cohort 2021 is not disadvantaged in terms of outcomes, as we did last year.’

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