AQE UPDATE: MAY 2020

Following consultation between the Board of AQE and the Department of Education (DE) an update has been provided today by AQE regarding the assessments for the year 2020/21.

The Board has decided to re-schedule the AQE assessments for **Saturday 21st November, 28th November and 12th December 2020**. This will provide pupils with an extra 2 weeks of preparation compared to the original dates planned before the impact of the coronavirus.

Due to this year’s particular circumstances, registration will now open on Thursday 14th May, 2020 ([www.aqe.org.uk](http://www.aqe.org.uk)) and parents will complete an online form together with payment of the fee (£55). There will be no fee for children receiving free school meals when they provide confirmation of their entitlement from the Education Authority. An electronic version of the pupil’s photograph and a scanned copy of the original birth certificate can be uploaded to the online form. Parents should remember that as this is the first time this process has been completed online, there may well be some access issues. On completion of the form parents will receive a confirmation email. (Please note that special access arrangement documentation should not be uploaded to the online form, this can be sent in hard copy to the AQE office.) Whilst AQE strongly advise parents to register using the online form, a version of the form will be available on the AQE website which can be printed and completed by hand. The form can then be posted to the AQE office. However, due to lockdown conditions, paper forms received by the AQE office will take much longer to process than the online forms. **Registration will close on Friday 25th September, 2020.**

Results will be published on Saturday 30th January, 2021.

Parents are encouraged to visit the AQE website, as listed above, for further information and guidance.