

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Head of Science

Date: January 2009

Subject: **R482 Entry Level Science (Science Plus)**

Moderation of work

Centres that made estimated entries for R482 for the summer 2009 series are now being allocated to Moderators. Moderator details will be sent to centres by the middle of February.

If you did not make estimated entries in the autumn, and have candidates whose work will need to be moderated, you must make final entries as soon as possible. OCR can then ensure that *all* centres with R482 candidates are moderated in good time, so that teachers are able to act on the advice given, before submitting completed MS1 forms to OCR by 15th May.

Moderation requirements

By **March 9th** at the latest, your moderator requires all the work completed by 6 students.

Please select the work of two higher, two middle and two lower achieving candidates.

If you have fewer candidates, please send all their work.

It is important that your moderator sees examples of all three elements for each student:

- *all* the End of Item tests carried out before 9th March
- a Study of a Science Topic
- a Data Analysis Task

The Study of a Science Topic and Data Analysis Task may well not be the actual work that will be included in the final points total, but the moderator needs to check that you are marking this element in accordance with the guidelines.

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Consult Form CW1715 *Details of the procedures leading to the award of Certificates* or your Specification or your Accreditation Support Booklet for more details.

Remember that OCR expects that at least one member of staff at each centre – not necessarily a teacher – should have attended a *free* R482 *Get Started* course. Although this is not mandatory, attendance will enable students to gain maximum benefit from following the Entry Level Science course. Details are given on the OCR web site at www.ocr.org.uk/training/

Any enquiry about this notice should be referred to the OCR Customer Contact Centre, (01223 553998), OCR, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU.