

## **The Marking of Practical Endorsement in Science A Levels**

1. In regard to the Practical Endorsement aspect of Biology, Chemistry and Physics A Levels, records are kept and updated when students execute each of the required procedures or demonstrate each of the required skills.
2. A small number of students may be in danger of not meeting the requirements to gain the Practical Endorsement (through having missed lessons or having not carried out tasks as instructed). These students are notified of this by email at regular intervals through the course (with their parents or carers copied in). These emails give details of the remaining opportunities to carry out tasks in order to meet the requirements they have not met.
3. There may be a handful of students where this is still not resolved towards the end of the course. These students receive a final email notification before the end of the Spring Term in 6.2 that they are in danger of not gaining the Practical Endorsement. This sets out final opportunities to carry out the necessary tasks early in the Summer Term.
4. If the tasks are not completed at this point, there will be no further opportunities to do what they need to do to complete the Practical Endorsement and they will be awarded a Fail for this.

Once the results of the Practical Endorsement are published with all the other Centre Assessed components in other courses, there is no further opportunity to add to the work and gain the Practical Endorsement.

Note that the A Level qualification can be gained with or without Practical Endorsement, though clearly it is better to gain it with the Practical Endorsement.