Responses to questions raised from GCSE Digital Technology CPD Winter 2023

Questions noted in blue, answers in red.

Answers below:

1. Is it okay to put the evidence folder inside the website folder (rather than just the root folder) for purposes of linking?

Centres should adhere to the requirements of the brief, if the Evidence folder is elsewhere candidates may lose marks.

If centres are placing a copy in the evidence and the website folder the two copies may be out of sync and the candidates could miss out. The candidates would be better advised to link to files appropriately.

2. One attendee noted that Surpass statistics suggests there has been a 100% completion rate, despite the fact that not all content on individual pages/sections has been attempted. Is there a way to get accurate details on what candidates have actually done?

No, Surpass looks at 'completion' as finishing the exam rather than attempting every question. Future releases may be able to deal with this but not yet.

3. There is no access to digital papers, despite the fact that physical copies have been scanned and are available.

All digital papers are available upon request through the same portal that you can see physical ones.

4. Can we have clarification on the brand names that can be mentioned in coursework etc., for instance, Twitter (X) can, but Excel can't.

If it's clear what the candidate is referring to then any brand name is alright.

5. If centres have had specific feedback on an element that is already finished some time ago, will this be taken into account during marking, or will there be an opportunity to address this?

Centres are not allowed to revisit already assessed and completed coursework. If a centre feels that an error has been made in delivery, then they would need to go down the special consideration route and detail the circumstances.

6. Game design – What is an appropriate number of versions during development – some centres had as many as 12-20 versions. Is there a band or guide level?

No, it's up to the individual candidate.