



# COUNCIL FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

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To: The Heads of all Schools

Dear Principal,

**Subject: Publisher/s meeting with Examiners at the time of Centralized Marking at certain Evaluation Centres**

Dear Principal,

It has been brought to the notice of the Council, through the print media, that at some Evaluation Centres where the various ICSE and ISC 2018 Subject Evaluations took place, certain publisher/s were frequently seen there. Allegedly these publishers met with certain subject Examiner Coordinators and also sponsored lunch/s for all the examiners at the centre.

The Council views this allegation of publishers meeting with the examiners very seriously. At no point, during the marking period at an Evaluation Centre, are the Examiners to interact with any unauthorized personnel. The marking area is out-of-bounds to all except the Centre-in-charge and all marking material is sacrosanct and confidential in nature.

The sharing of the subject Marking Schemes with the Publishers to facilitate the printing of their past papers with answers or canvassing for the sale of specific books in return for favours or for personal gains is absolutely discouraged by the Council. If it is brought to the attention of the Council that there is a 'conflict of interest' by Examiner Coordinator or any Examiner at an Evaluation Centre, the Council will not hesitate to debar the particular examiner/s permanently.

You are requested to please ensure that there is no soliciting of teachers / examiners by the publishers or persons with vested interests in your school campus, nor should the teachers accept any gifts or favours from them. The allegation in the print media does show the Council and its affiliated schools in very poor light and should be avoided at all costs.

I look forward to your support and cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Arathoon  
Chief Executive & Secretary

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