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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Following the announcement by Welsh Government that examinations in 2021 will be cancelled, A-Level/AS/GCSE/BTEC grades will be awarded by schools. Qualifications Wales and the Awarding Bodies have developed guidance to ensure a thorough and fair process and that all pupils in all subjects are awarded the appropriate and accurate grades.

The grades will be awarded on the basis of reliable and quality-assured evidence. The guidance also emphasises that students will not be disadvantaged by periods of absence from school over the last twelve months.

These 'Centre Determined Grades' (CDG) will be based on clear evidence gathered as part of learners' studies during the year. These will not be estimates or predictions, and it is not possible to award grades based on potential. They will be submitted to the awarding bodies, and once the awarding bodies have confirmed that the school has followed all the procedures correctly, they will publish the A Level and AS grades to learners on the 10/08/21 and GCSE learners on the 12/08/21.

The CDGs will be based on reliable assessments and we will gather evidence through 3 different methods:

1. Non-examination assessment (NEA): some subjects have already completed these assessments in class, while others will complete them during the next half-term. Not all subjects include non-examination assessments.
2. Modified past-papers: The WJEC has provided past papers to be used for assessing learners' understanding. They are reliable resources for assessing learners' attainment as they have undergone a rigorous quality assurance process and evidence shows that they offer fair and impartial methods of assessment.
3. Further evidence: Teachers can consider any work which learners have completed to strengthen class assessments. However, the WJEC has shared clear guidance for schools to ensure that this evidence is reliable.

It is important to remind your child that they will not be disadvantaged even if they have missed more time in school than other students. The evidence for each learner does not have to be exactly the same – the quality of the evidence and how it reflects the grade is the most important in reaching an accurate assessment.

During the last week of this term and at the beginning of next term, each subject will inform your child of the following:

- The content that has been studied during the year and that will be assessed during the classroom assessments.



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- The types of assessments which will be used to assess learners' knowledge, understanding and skills.
- The approximate dates of assessments.

It is vital for all learners to understand that the planned class assessments are not the same as examinations. However, we will ensure that they are completed within controlled conditions and under the supervision of teachers. Naturally, there may be periods of self-isolation which may affect this proposal and we will make appropriate alternative arrangements to gather evidence should this occur.

Following the class assessments, all evidence will undergo an internal moderation and quality assurance process to ensure reliable assessments within and across departments.

A temporary Centre Determined Grade (CDG) will be presented to all learners in June, and there will be an opportunity for learners / parents to request an internal review of the grade. We will confirm the arrangements and dates for the review process as soon as they are finalised.

Awarding bodies will also have an appeals process which will be open to learners/parents following the publication of the results in August. Further information is available for learners on the Qualifications Wales website www.qualificationswales.org

Attendance for the next half-term is crucial, but if your child is ill or has to self-isolate, we will do everything possible to ensure that they will have the opportunity to complete any missed assessments. However, should this not be possible, and with such a short period prior to the introduction of the CDGs, we will determine the CDGs based on completed class assessments, in addition to the work / evidence that learners have previously completed.

Access arrangements for pupils with specific learning difficulties and special consideration will be available to anyone who needs these during each assessment session.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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