



**9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

**Assessment arrangements for GCSE, AS and A level grades in summer 2021**

Dear parent / carers and learners

Hope you are all well and your son/daughter is looking forward to returning to school and to some form of normality from the 15th March. The start of 2021 has been difficult for everyone and pupils / students have endured a period of great uncertainty regarding GCSEs, AS and A level qualifications. We have endeavoured to keep everyone updated with the latest announcements via Teams, social media and virtual assemblies.

When pupils / students return to school on Monday the 15th of March they will be expected to engage in all their lessons and work hard in completing classroom assessments to generate the evidence teachers require to award the best grades. Pupils will be completing WJEC past papers and finishing any incomplete Non Examined Assessments.

**Important reminder**, Centre Determined Grades will be based on the combined assessment information held for pupils / students and will be a holistic judgement rather than focusing on a single source of evidence. The grade awarded will NOT be based on target grades, mock results or aspirational grades.

In line with WJEC guidance, each department will share with parents / carers and learners their assessment plans so that there is transparency and confidence in the approach adopted. This information will be shared week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> March. The WJEC will also quality assure departmental Assessment Plans to ensure the assessments used are robust and cover the key concepts.

Schools have also been instructed by Qualifications Wales, and WJEC, to share provisional grades with pupils / students by the 25<sup>th</sup> June. The sharing of provisional grades provides schools and pupils / student an opportunity to discuss their results and gives parents / carers and learners an explanation as to how their grades were generated before they are submitted to the WJEC on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. More information to follow nearer the time.

Welsh Government have also confirmed that results days for Welsh learners are earlier than normal:

- A-levels and AS on the **10<sup>th</sup> August** and GCSEs on the **12<sup>th</sup> August**.

We will write to parents / learners with further guidance nearer results day.

We will continue to provide regular updates on our website and social media. If you have any specific questions please contact your son's / daughter's Head of Year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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