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FAO parents of year 10 and year 11 pupils that are entered for GCSE qualifications this summer:

As you are aware, Welsh Government have confirmed that pupils will not be required to sit GCSE exams this academic year. Due to this decision, all learners will now be awarded Centre Determined Grades (CDGs).

Each subject has created assessment plans, in keeping with Qualifications Assessment Frameworks. Specific assessments for each subject have been selected in line with recommendations from WJEC to ensure a breadth of skills/knowledge are assessed as evidence for the awarding of Centre Determined Grades. An explanation of the evidence that will be used by each subject to determine the centre determined grade for each pupil is attached to this letter.

Prior to these assessments, a revision list will be provided to all learners by subject teachers, identifying the topics that will appear in the assessment tasks. These assessments will be completed in class under supervision by the class teacher and will take place between 12th April – 27th May 2021. Learners with access arrangements will be granted their entitlements as per school guidelines and practices. Where special considerations apply, appropriate arrangements will be made.

All teachers, staff and governors have strictly followed the guidance and support provided by WJEC in order to ensure that all processes are rigorous and robust. All grades awarded will undergo stringent quality assurance procedures to ensure that they are fair and accurate.

Learners will be informed of provisional Centre Determined Grades week beginning 14th June. Our provisional plan is to issue the grades on Friday 18th June. A student who is not satisfied with their grade will be able to appeal their grade only on the grounds of judgement, or if they believe a procedural error has been made. Following the appeals window, final grades will be issued to learners on Thursday 12th August.

We will support you and your child through every step of this process and will be using the 'little and often' approach to assessment. This means that rather than sitting whole papers in one session, they will be divided into smaller manageable assessment tasks, therefore giving the pupils every opportunity to get the grades they deserve considering they have been significantly disadvantaged up to this point.

It is our aim as a school to ensure that no child is disadvantaged by this unprecedented situation we find ourselves in. By working together, we can give every child the best opportunity to succeed. As always, I send my warmest wishes to you all. We as a school endeavour to support you and your family in any way we can and I ask you to please get in touch with us at any time.

Yours sincerely

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