

21 January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Firstly I must apologise about the short letter yesterday, but I wanted to try to ensure that you received the information from 'Qualifications Wales' before it was announced in the media. As a school we received the 'learner letter' at 3.00 pm.

Important Information

For students taking GCSE, AS or A levels this Summer (2021), teachers will provide centre assessed grades. **THERE WILL BE NO EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT OR EXAMS.**

How will GCSE, AS and A Level grades be decided

Final grades will be determined by the school based on assessment of the students' work to date and through the remainder of the academic year. Evidence used could include NEA assessment elements, half term exams, mock exams and classwork.

All assessed grades will be internally moderated and the WJEC will oversee this process. **To give students time to improve, their learning grades will not be finalised and shared with the WJEC until the summer term.**

Year Group Information

Year 11 & 13 students will be provided with centre assessed grades based on the evidence described above.

Year 12 students will be awarded a teacher assessment AS grade based on the evidence described above. This will not count towards the A level grade awarded in 2022 but the grade can be used in UCAS applications.

Year 10 – all Year 10 students in Llantwit Major School were due to sit unitised elements (units) of exams in June but not full GCSE qualifications in the following subjects: English Literature, Science, Hospitality & Catering theory exam, Welsh oral exam and RS. They will now not be able to sit these units but will sit them in Year 11. These are likely to be modified to account for the teaching time missed this year.

Vocational Qualifications

There are a number of learners at both KS4 & KS5 studying vocational subjects. Yesterday's announcement does not include vocational qualifications, as these are UK wide qualifications. Ofqual are currently consulting on proposals and further information will likely be available in early February.

Appeals Process

If a student is unhappy with the grades they achieve in August, they will be able to appeal directly to the school and if the student is not happy with the outcome of this appeal, they will be able to appeal to the WJEC.

Results Dates

Please note results dates amended as follows:

A/AS levels: Tuesday 24 August 2021

GCSE levels: Friday 27 August 2021

The final awarded grade information will be confidential until this date.

I appreciate that this is yet another unsettling period for you and your child and ask that you continue to encourage your son/daughter to engage in all online work being set and to hand in all work by the deadlines provided. We in turn will continue to collect half term data for all year groups which captures the teachers' professional predictions.

You have my assurance that we will continue to work hard to ensure your child receives the grades they deserve and we ask for your continued support to ensure that your son/daughter fully engages in the learning process.

Yours faithfully



F K Greville
Headteacher