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Dear Year 12 Pupils

I know that this is an uncertain time for you and this will undoubtedly be causing anxiety. However, we now have some clarity about the process for awarding grades to pupils studying AS levels in Year 12: **we now know that teachers will be responsible for deciding the grades you are awarded in each of your subjects.** It is vital that you understand that the AS level grades your teachers award you have to be based on **evidence.** This evidence can take many forms and can be taken from prior to lockdown, during lockdown or from when you return to school. These grades will **not** be based on potential and are not predictions as to what you *might* have achieved had there been no disruption to learning and exams had gone ahead as planned.

Although the AS level grades awarded by your teachers will be valid as AS level qualifications, **these grades will not contribute towards your A levels when you continue your studies in Year 13.** Instead, your A level grades will be based solely on the outcomes of the assessment process in Year 13 i.e. the exams you sit and NEA/coursework you produce as part of your courses.

I know that many of you will be anxious to know what grades your teachers are likely to award you, but I need to make it clear that we will **not** share any predicted grades or centre determined grades with pupils or parents as this can seriously compromise the integrity of the process and is something that is clearly warned against in the guidance from WJEC/Qualifications Wales. However, we will be happy to discuss your current grades and progress with you, so please get in touch if there is anything you feel we can help you with.

Yours faithfully



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