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Dear Pupil/parent/carer

Centre determined grades (CDG) for qualifications awarded in the summer 2021 examination series

You should have received a letter from Qualifications Wales this week informing you of their timeline and instructions to the WJEC examination board and to schools. In line with their instructions this letter aims to set out our process for awarding Centre Determined Grades this summer.

As you now know, the Welsh Government made the decision that there would be no examinations this year and that instead, qualifications would be graded by the school using a series of classroom based assessments.

To support this, we intend to ensure that part of next term is used to focus on obtaining evidence to award pupil with their centre determined grades and to prepare them for their next steps in their careers; we hope for this to be as positive an experience as possible for pupil. and to ensure that this process is open and transparent, a Pupil/parent/carer website has been designed so that you are able to access all of the information you need.

The school has outlined its process for awarding centre determined grades in a centre policy, which is available on our website [here](#). Please take some time to review this and if there are any queries or questions regarding this policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly. You may also find the summary video helpful in understanding our planned approach to the determining of grades this summer [video clip](#). Further to this, the school will be holding a series of socially distanced assemblies after the Easter break with all pupil scheduled to complete assessments this summer to ensure they are fully informed of the process and remote information sessions will be scheduled, so that parents and carers have the opportunity to find out more and pose questions too.

Teachers have been planning assessments for each unit of their qualifications for the last few weeks. Some of these assessments have taken place in lessons this week and will continue when they return after the Easter holidays. Subject teachers will inform pupil of the timing and the topics of each assessment and pupil friendly assessment plans are available to view on our website [here](#).

Departments have also planned into their assessments to accommodate those pupils with specific access arrangements.

I hope this helps to answer some of your questions about the process, we want all pupil to maximise their potential and hope to use this process to ensure they all achieve the grades they deserve.

Yours sincerely

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