

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Assessment Arrangements for GCSE, AS and A Levels

I write to inform you of the latest information we hold regarding the assessment arrangements for GCSE, AS and A level for 2021.

The Minister for Education announced yesterday that grades would be determined by schools and that no external assessments would take place.

Schools will determine pupil grades using a wide variety of assessment evidence including coursework that has been completed so far and other assessments and activities that have been completed during the course. The WJEC will support schools by providing them with standardised past papers and mark schemes that teachers may choose to use in support of their grading process.

Schools will be required to set out how they plan to determine grades. This will be submitted to the WJEC for approval.

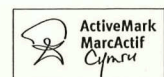
Schools will also be required to work against a WJEC Assessment Framework. The framework will set out how schools should undertake their grading process.

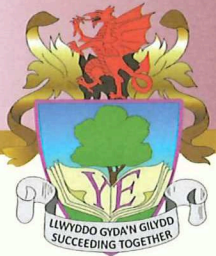
The priority of the school is to continue to build knowledge and skills and cover core concepts in order to support progression to whatever your child's chosen pathway may be.

With all of this in mind then, regardless of where learning is taking place, be it at home or at school, pupils should continue to work hard, engage with their learning and focus on getting to their next steps.

Some specific details regarding AS Levels: Year 12 pupils will be awarded an AS grade using the school's arrangements. This AS grade will not contribute towards the overall A level grade in 2022. The AS grade will however, support progression into Year 13 and will support UCAS applications where appropriate. In order to ensure progress and success at A level, it is essential that the AS 'building blocks' of knowledge are covered and thoroughly understood.

With regards to our Year 10 pupils, as I detailed in my last communication, pupils will not sit unit examinations that contribute to a GCSE grade. Therefore, examinations will not take place in for example, subjects such as Science, English Literature or History.





I plan to hold a series of online live sessions next week in order to communicate this information to our young people. In addition, if you haven't already done so, I do recommend that you and your child read the Letter to Learners that I sent to you over the Group Call text yesterday evening.

The assessment picture is not entirely complete and as such I will write to you again as we receive further information.

Please be reassured that teachers and school staff continue to work very hard in order to ensure continued teaching and learning and progression to next steps.

I wish you all the very best,

Yours sincerely

**Mrs S Sutton
Headteacher**

