

25th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Finally, the end of the summer assessment process is now in sight. I am delighted to inform you that our learners have worked incredibly hard on these assessments, I have been very proud of their resilience, attendance and commitment after such a challenging time.

Some updates for you:

Progress data 'health checks'

I hope that you and your child found the data 'health check' that we released on the 12th May helpful. These grades provided the latest thinking on your child's Centre Determined Grades (CDGs) based on assessments that had been carried out to date.

Final Grading

Teachers will now be finalising their grading decisions. Teachers will use the information provided by the assessments in addition to the wider knowledge of their learners to determine the grade. They will evaluate the quality of the evidence, consider any extenuating circumstances and assign a grade. Grades will be awarded holistically using a best fit judgement against the WJEC grade descriptors. Teachers will document their grading decisions and assessment evidence base in a Learner Decision Making Record (LDMR). As you will be aware, teachers have informed learners of the assessment evidence that will be used to determine their grade in each subject.

Centre Reviews and WJEC Appeals

Schools and colleges across Wales have applied internal quality assurance arrangements and WJEC has undertaken external quality assurance arrangements for 2021. However, errors may occasionally occur. If your child believes that an error has been made in the determination of their grade they may ask the school to provide a copy of the Learner Decision Making Record (LDMR) for subjects where they believe an error may have been made.

The LDMR provides the teacher's rationale for the grade awarded. If after reading the rationale and the contents of the LDMR, your child still genuinely believes an error has been made that has had a material effect on the accuracy of their CDG, **they are able to request that the school review the grade.**

All Centre Review requests must use the WJEC Centre Review and Appeals request form that will be made available on the website when grades are released.

Please note that learners are not able to negotiate which evidence is included in the range of evidence used to determine their grades.

Learners that ask for a grade to be reviewed must provide written permission because **the grade may go down as a result of the review.**

Should the Centre Review process result in the school upholding its original decision, learners may choose to appeal to the WJEC (Stage 2 appeal).

Timeline

In Ysgol Eirias, grades will be released to learners, via Talaxy, on 15th June.

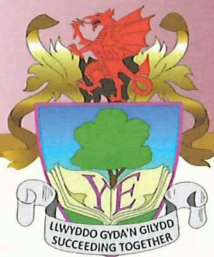


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The deadline for learners to request a Centre Review is 25th June. We are unable to accept a Centre Review request after this deadline.

We are required to submit Centre Determined Grades to WJEC by 2nd July. If your child has requested a Review which results in a grade change, we must inform WJEC of the grade change by 20th July to ensure that the grade can be amended prior to results day.

Friday 28 th May	Grading on SIMs to be completed Year 11 and 13 leave school
Monday 7 th June	Training Day Final quality assurance of grades Completion of LDMRs by staff
Thursday 10 th June	Quality assurance of LDMRs
Tuesday 15 th June	Issue of provisional Centre Determined Grades to learners via Talaxy at 9am
Thursday 17 th June	Deadline for requests to access LDMRs (9am)
Thursday 24 th June	Deadline for requests for Centre Reviews (3pm)
Friday 25 th June	Centre Review Panel meets to consider Centre Review requests
Wednesday 30 th June	All Centre Review outcomes emailed to learners. Learners whose reviews have been upheld informed of the right to (Stage 2) appeal to WJEC
Friday 2 nd July	Deadline for learners who requested a Centre Review to ask school to submit a Stage 2 appeal to WJEC on their behalf
Friday 9 th July	Deadline for schools to submit Stage 2 appeals/evidence to WJEC where applicable
Wednesday 20 th July	WJEC deadline for submission of amendments following Centre Reviews
Tuesday 10 th August	AS and A Level Results Day
10 th August – 17 th September	WJEC AS and A Level Stage 2 Appeals window
Thursday 12 th August	GCSE Results Day
24 th August – 21 st September	WJEC GCSE Stage 2 Appeals window

For learners in Years 11 and 13, there is no requirement to attend school after 28th May. Mr Gavin, Head of Sixth Form will shortly be writing separately to Year 11 parents and learners to outline our comprehensive transition into Sixth Form package.

And finally...

While it is true that the finish line is in sight, we know it remains an anxious time for some of our learners. The pastoral team will continue to provide on-site support up to the summer holidays for all learners, including those in Years 11 and 13. Please do not hesitate to contact school for help or guidance.

Thank you for your support this year. We are more grateful than ever for the positive relationships that exist between school and home – all for the benefit of our young people.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Sutton
HEADTEACHER



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