



12 November 2020

Dear Staff/Learner/Parent/Carer

RE: Summer series of GCSE, AS and A2 exams 2021/Mock examinations

I am writing to provide further clarification regarding the summer series of examinations for 2021 and also to update you on our approach to mock examinations.

As you may be aware, the Minister for Education has announced that there will be no external summer examinations, sat in the traditional way, for GCSE, AS or A2 level. The Ministers' statement may be accessed [here](#).

Instead, grades will be awarded based on the outcomes of assessments that are managed by subject teachers in the classroom. The assessments will be set by the WJEC examination board and marked by the external examination board. We are instructed that these assessments will be made available to schools in the Spring Term.

We are informed therefore, that there will be school/teacher flexibility as to when these assessments can occur. This is especially important given the fact that learners and families may be self-isolating or may have missed periods of time from school.

There are still a number of areas of uncertainty and further details will emerge over forthcoming weeks; I will keep you informed.

I will be speaking to representatives from our Y11, 12 and 13 year groups next week and will also provide them with their own 'Q&A' document to refer to. Our staff will of course be on hand to answer any questions as well.

Taking all of this into consideration I have taken the decision to run 'mock examinations' for Y11 and Y13 in a different way this year.

Rather than sitting mock exams in the traditional way, we will run assessments in the classroom, supervised by subject teachers, over a 4 week period window of time.

These assessments will form part of our regular approach to teaching and learning and enable us to gain an accurate picture of the current progress of your child and plan interventions accordingly. This approach is additionally designed to reduce any anxiety in these unusual times. Your child will be provided with further details in due course.





I wish you all well and would like to reassure you that the school is working very hard to support your child.

Please do get in touch if we can help further in any way.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Sutton
HEADTEACHER

