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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

Re.: GCSE / AS / A Level Qualifications

I hope you are well. Yesterday, we received more information on the awarding of **GCSE, AS and A Level** qualifications. The Welsh Government announced that this year's qualifications will be awarded through a **Centre-Determined Grade**. This means that grades will be awarded by the school based on assessment of the student's school work.

We still do not know how **vocational courses (BTEC)** will be assessed. As soon as we have more information, we will let you know.

Year 12 AS students will still be awarded a centre-determined grade but this grade will not contribute to the overall A-Level, i.e. the entire A-Level course will be assessed when they are in Year 13.

If **Year 10 students** are entered for the completion of a full qualification in one year, i.e. subjects where they were due to sit all the exams in Year 10, they will still be awarded a grade. However, there will be no grading of individual unit assessments, i.e. subjects where exams are traditionally spread across Year 10 and Year 11; in this case, the entire GCSE will now be assessed when they are in Year 11.

Welsh Government has produced a **letter for students** explaining the changes to the awarding of qualifications which can be found **here**.

The specific guidance and deadlines have not yet been finalised; however, it is expected that grades will need to be submitted in the latter half of the summer term. Students in the examination years will **continue to learn** and teachers will **continue to teach and assess** students until this time.

We really empathise with our students in these uncertain times. The constant changes as a result of this pandemic is really unsettling for them. However, at the moment, it is absolutely vital that our students continue to **engage with online learning** for all their subjects until their return to school.

Yours faithfully

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