



# Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Dear pupil, parent or carer,

I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify the situation with regard the awarding of provisional Centre Determined Grades and in particular to reiterate that teachers will use a range of evidence in line with WJEC adaptations published in September 2020. The evidence gathered will come from:

- WJEC adapted past paper questions
- Non-Examination Assessments (NEAs), such as practical work or controlled assessments where applicable
- Other contributing evidence

Teachers will ensure that pupils are given every reasonable opportunity to demonstrate attainment in areas of the qualification. The provisional CDG has to be appropriately evidenced and will be based on an holistic approach. Schools will have a number of assessments to fit into a relatively short space of time and in order to make sure that the pupils are best prepared for these we want to guarantee that sufficient time is allocated for this purpose. Therefore, all pupils have been issued a provisional schedule for after Easter which is currently under review. Any amendments to this will be given to pupils before the Easter holiday and can be viewed on our dedicated CDG page under the pupil section on our school website.

Assessments will not be completed under formal examination conditions this year. If the assessments were being taken as unseen examinations, then the teachers and pupils would not know what topics were to be tested. This year, staff are aware of the assessment content and will ensure that the pupils are fully prepared for these so that they are not disadvantaged in any way. Topic lists will continue to be issued to all pupils as well as revision materials. Also, this year the assessments will be broken down into small manageable sections for completion rather than pupils sitting the traditional unseen exam which often last between 1 and 2 hours. The assessments have been set by staff at intervals that will ensure that the pupils are as best prepared for these as they possibly can be. If the paper has to be completed in one hour then we must allocate two sessions for this – fifty minutes for session 1 and ten minutes for session 2. If the paper has a completion time of 2 hours then this must be split over 3 sessions with fifty minutes for sessions 1 and 2 and a further twenty minutes for session 3. Once this allocated time has been used, subject teachers will continue the programme of teaching and learning. All pupils entitled to access arrangements will receive their appropriate provision.

The school has to complete and submit to the WJEC by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March an Assessment & Quality Assurance Policy which is currently in the process of being approved by the Governing Body as required. All subjects are also required to complete a detailed assessment plan where the nature of assessments and timings will be confirmed, and these will be made available via the pupil section on our website, in line with the WJEC guidance issued to all stakeholders. We will be arranging a Year 11 parents' evening for the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> April which will be conducted virtually where you will have an opportunity to speak to teachers. Further information on this will be issued in due course.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody for their continued support during these challenging times.

Kindest Regards,

Mr R. Rees