



# Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Dear pupils, parents and carers,

Following the release of additional information earlier this week from WJEC I'm now in a position to provide some clarity to Year 11 pupils for their remaining months at Ysgol Bae Baglan.

A Centre Determined Grade is the grade awarded by the school on the basis of attainment which has been demonstrated in the areas of the qualification content that a student has covered. For each qualification, teachers will make use of WJEC Assessment Frameworks which will include descriptors for key grades to support the accurate distribution of awards. Each grade awarded must be underpinned by robust evidence to demonstrate a pupil's attainment across key themes and skills. It will not be permitted for teachers, or the school, to attempt to issue a Centre Determined Grade based on professional prediction or the potential of a pupil. Teachers will be required to apply their professional judgement and decide whether the knowledge and skills demonstrated meets the usual standard of a specified grade.

In determining grades, the school will be required to make "best-fit" judgements. This means that pupils are not required to demonstrate all aspects of a grade descriptor to be awarded the grade; pupils should and will be awarded a grade which supports evidence of attainment across sufficient breadth of content, within the qualification, as determined by WJEC. Where there is insufficient evidence, or where evidence suggests attainment is below that required of the lowest grade for a qualification, grade G at GCSE, the pupils will be awarded a Centre Determined Grade of U.

All Year 11 pupils will complete adapted past papers that have been created by WJEC. These are past papers that have had content removed based on the guidance circulated in September. These will be completed in class under controlled conditions as set out in the timetable available [here](#). The adapted past papers issued by WJEC will follow the same format as papers used in previous years. WJEC have said that sufficient evidence may be taken from the past papers completed by the pupils, but other additional work can be used to award the provisional Centre Determined Grade. However, we will ensure that the provisional Centre Determined Grade awarded is a holistic professional judgement, balancing the different sources of evidence which could include internal exams, adapted past papers provided by WJEC, NEA elements and other assessed work.

When completing these assessments pupils must ensure that the evidence they produce must be their own unaided work and a reminder that mobile phones, smart watches and other electronic devices will not be permitted.

The school will implement rigorous quality assurance processes to ensure that the provisional Centre Determined Grades awarded are fair and free from bias. Samples of work will be moderated to ensure processes have been correctly applied and mark schemes supplied by WJEC adhered to. A dedicate page has been created under the Pupil section on our [website](#) which will be regularly updated as and when additional information is received from Qualifications Wales and WJEC.

To ensure fairness for all learners, teachers must be confident that any work completed remotely by a learner is authentic and is their own unaided work. We strongly advise pupils that any work produced that will be used as evidence to determine their final grade must be their own work, and if that is not the case and remains undeclared, it would constitute malpractice. Where a learner has received assistance, this must be acknowledged so that centres can award accurate and fair grades.

Kindest Regards

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