

Arrangements summer assessments - Q & A Session

27 January 2021

✓ **Will the algorithm be used this year?**

No, students will have a grade that will be determined by the school from a range of evidence based on their work.

✓ **How will you ensure students with additional needs e.g. reasonable adjustments are made? For instance, some students get additional time, a reader etc.**

We are awaiting further guidance from the exam boards but as a school, we will ensure none of our students are disadvantaged. We have already completed the access arrangements for our ALN students and this will be part of our planning process.

✓ **How can Year 11 students catch up on lost learning time?**

We hope we can teach well into the summer term so our students have the knowledge, skills and understanding to progress onto the next stage of their learning with confidence. In addition, students have access to our Accelerated Learning Programme that includes master classes and additional resources on the student's Year 11 Google Classroom. If allowed we shall use the Easter holidays to support our students as appropriate.

✓ **WJEC adaptive papers - will careful attention be paid to make sure that only elements of those papers that have been covered in class are selected for assessment?**

The guidance we have clearly states that students can only be assessed on what they have covered. These adapted papers are designed to support this.

✓ **If a child is working to a higher level than their predicted outcome, will their centre-determined grade match the higher level?**

Centre determined grades will be based on a range of evidence and this may be above or below the student's predicted outcome. It is really important year 11 students continue to work studiously so they give themselves the best chance of success.

✓ **There is a clash between the English and Science masterclasses on a Thursday. Could one be rescheduled so pupils can access both?**

The English Language Masterclass is recorded and could be viewed at a later date. The link is posted in the English Language Masterclass Google Classroom.

✓ **Has there been any further guidance whether GCSE results will be announced earlier this year in line with the English Secondary Schools?**

The school is awaiting confirmation of the results date for this summer.

✓ **What will happen with English resits (Of Mice and Men paper)?**

- ✓ For those students who expressed an interest earlier in the year, you will be provided with ample opportunity to show progress and development from your year 10 Unit 1 and 3 literature results. Your English teacher will provide you with a range of revision material and tasks, such as extract analysis and essay writing on either Of Mice and Men or Poetry. We aim to offer afterschool virtual revision sessions as well as literature podcasts to support your progress in literature. We have also a small number of students who took up our offer and are currently attending, every Friday afterschool, a literature masterclass where students can complete unit 3 assessments (Macbeth and Welsh Poetry comparison) under the new titles for 2021.

✓ **Are the master classes available to all students or is an invite only basis?**

Currently master classes are by invite only. Students are identified by their teachers and address a specific skills deficit. All students have access to the WJEC resources, these can be found [here \(WJEC\)](#) or on the WJEC website [here](#). In addition, all of year 11 have access to GCSEPod and this is a great online resource to use to support revision. Students can download GCSEPod on any digital device and access resources at home or on the go. The website and apps are easy to navigate and include videos/pods/mini lessons to support their learning and aid revision. Resources and content are in line with the curriculum studied in schools and cover a range of subjects. If your child has not yet accessed GCSE Pod, they can follow the link [here](#) and set up an account.

✓ **How will you ensure consistency in grades from different teachers in the same subject?**

We shall moderate work at subject level to check our assessments are accurate. In addition this year where possible we shall undertake moderation with another school. We would not wish any student to be disadvantaged by this process however; we also must maintain our integrity as an examination centre.

✓ **How far into the summer term will students be taught?**

We hope we can teach a considerable way into the summer term. We are waiting for further guidance. We want to make sure our students have the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress with confidence onto the next stage of their learning.

✓ **Will there be another Parent's Evening shortly? So we can discuss our child's progress individually?**

We are exploring how we can provide subject specific guidance for you.

✓ **How can I find out more about local colleges and sixth forms?**

Any information provided by Coleg Gwent regarding Post 16 learning is uploaded regularly to our school website. Click [here](#) to access our **Destination 16 +** website page which contains resources/links to course and campus information, guidance on how to apply and information regarding forthcoming open evenings. Alternatively, you can access the Coleg Gwent website [here](#).

In order to find out more about other local colleges, we would advise you and your child to visit their websites to gain the information you need.

For school sixth forms, you should contact them directly for more information on their admissions process.

If you need further support with the college application process or need advice regarding post 16 options, you can contact our school Careers Advisor either via e. mail or telephone (see below). Also, click [here](#) to access the Careers Wales website which provides lots of useful information and guidance on courses, training, apprenticeships and choosing a career.

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