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INFORMATION ABOUT AS/ A LEVEL AND GCSE EXAMINATIONS IN SUMMER 2022

Dear Student,

Following guidance from Qualification Wales about the contingency plans for the assessment of **AS/ A level and GCSE qualifications**, the purpose of this letter is to outline the plans for this year.

The current policy position of Welsh Government is that examinations will go ahead in summer 2022 and they will only be cancelled in exceptional circumstances.

A number of measures have been introduced by Qualifications Wales and WJEC to reflect the disruption to teaching and learning. These include:

- Adaptations to course specification content. Course teachers have explained this to you.
- Reduction in and adaptation to in NEA (Non- Examination Assessment) requirements for some courses. Your teachers will tell you if this is relevant to you.
- Some courses are allowed to provide you with Advance Information from February 2022. Course teachers will explain this to you, if it applies to your courses.
- Grade boundaries used to award grades in the summer have been amended. This means that the grades awarded in summer 2022 will be midway between the results in 2021 and 2019, the last year external examinations were set.

In line with Qualifications Wales' guidance, the College is implementing contingency arrangements should examinations be cancelled. The contingency arrangements will focus on providing you with **centre determined grades, a holistic judgement that is underpinned by a number of pieces of assessment evidence of demonstrated attainment.**

Assessments will be **integrated into usual teaching and learning plans**. You will be informed about the timings of these assessments by your course teacher. Assessments identified as contributing to centre determined grades cannot be retaken in order to improve your grades.

It is important to note that **target grades are not the same as centre determined grades**. Target grades are an indication of potential attainment.

Mock examinations for AS/ A levels and GCSE courses will take place in late January/ early February. These will contribute to centre determined grades. The dates are:

- **Monday 24th January - Friday 28th January** - AS Mocks
- **Monday 31st January - Friday 4th February** - A2 Mocks

You will be issued with timetables for mock examinations and you will sit the mock examinations in the Sports Hall. Timetables will be collapsed for AS learners for the AS mock week and for A2 learners for the A2 mock week. **BTEC learners will continue to attend lessons, as normal.**

Attendance at mock examinations is compulsory. If you miss a mock examination for exceptional circumstances, you will be required to sit the mock at a different time. Different mock examination papers will be used in this instance. **Failure to complete mock examinations will result in disciplinary action.**

We are awaiting information regarding **vocational qualifications**, including BTEC courses. As soon as we have this information, we will be back in touch.

We are confident that the measures outlined above will support you to achieve your full potential this year. We will continue to do everything we can to reassure you and to support your wellbeing at this time.

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding. We wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Principal