

8th February 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Comparable Outcomes for the Summer 2022 Exam Series

As previously shared with pupils, parents and carers, WJEC have made a number of adaptations to the volume of assessment for qualifications that pupils will complete in the academic year 2021-22. These adaptations were intended to reduce the impact of lost face-to-face teaching and learning time during the pandemic. I am now writing with regard to the grading approach that Qualifications Wales will undertake this summer.

With the return to exams, 2022 will be treated as a transition year to reflect that we are in a pandemic recovery period and pupils' education has been disrupted. Therefore, GCSE results will reflect broadly a midway point between 2021 and 2019. It is important to consider that the distribution of grades in 2021 was significantly higher than comparable outcomes in previous years, including 2019. This approach will further reduce the impact of lost time in schools, in terms of pupils being able to achieve higher grades. In 2023, Qualifications Wales will aim to return to results that are in line with those in pre-pandemic years.

The decision on the approach to grading GCSEs will have an impact on certain vocational qualifications. Qualifications Wales have stated that they require awarding bodies to take account of the approach taken when setting standards in vocational qualifications too, so that pupils studying vocational qualifications are not disadvantaged compared to pupils taking GCSEs.

Please contact me at the school if you have any queries.

Yours Faithfully,



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