



24th March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re. Centre-Assessment Approach for Qualifications in 2021

In November 2020, the Education Minister announced that there would be no summer examination series for pupils taking GCSEs in 2021. In January 2021, it was confirmed that these qualifications would be awarded using Centre Determined Grades. This means that schools will determine the grades awarded for each qualification, based on evidence of work produced by pupils during a programme of formal assessments. Pupils' attendance during this period next term is vital. Please discuss the importance of full participation and engagement with your child.

Porth Community School has written a policy for the "Summer 2021 GCSE Alternative Arrangements" to outline how the school, as an examination centre, will apply the 'Guidance on Alternative Arrangements for Approved GCSEs, AS and A levels' provided by Qualifications Wales, to help determine grades in 2021. By sharing its approach, the school is seeking to offer clarity and confidence to pupils, staff and families. The policy includes: a 'Statement of Intent'; the 'Roles and Responsibilities' of stakeholders; details on the 'Awarding Centre Determined Grades and Qualification Assessment Plans'; processes for 'Quality Assurance of Assessment and Grading Decisions' and 'Internal Reviews of Centre Determined Grades and Appeals'. A copy of the policy will be made available to parents / carers and pupils on the website and via the Piota app today. In addition, the school has made a recorded presentation to provide pupils with an overview of the policy. This presentation will also be shared today via the website and Piota app.

Please find a timeline summarising key dates for pupils below:

Activity	Date
Your school will tell you how you will be assessed and graded for your qualification	26 th March
Teaching and assessment period for work submitted as evidence to support the awarding of Centre Determined Grades	19 th April – 28 th May
You will receive your provisional Centre Determined Grades and you will have the opportunity to ask for your grades to be reviewed; your school will explain the process they will use and tell you the outcome of any review	25 th June
Your school will submit the provisional Centre Determined Grades to WJEC	2 nd July
GCSE Results Day	12 th August
You will have the opportunity to appeal your GCSE result to WJEC and you will have the opportunity to appeal to Qualifications Wales for an Exam Procedures Review Service	24 th August – 21 st September*

**Provisional date set by Qualifications Wales*

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions regarding the Porth Community School "Summer 2021 GCSE Alternative Arrangements" policy.

Yours Faithfully,

R. Thomas
Deputy Headteacher

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