



AS Centre Determined Grades Outline, Summer 2021

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Dear Parent and Guardians,

As part of its quality assurance processes WJEC has asked all schools to outline to pupils and parents the assessment parameters for determining CDGs for the 2021 season. Below is this outline and the possible timings for assessments for AS levels.

Teachers, in lessons, have discussed methods of assessment with their pupils keeping them informed of the process. We hope the information below will give parents and pupils further guidance on the processes for assessment, many of which will take place next term.

You will appreciate the timings may need to be altered in response to any further national or local lockdown situations. The pupils have been working very well in lessons and staff are very pleased with the levels of engagement.

English Literature – Pupils will be assessed using adapted assessment papers for Unit 1 and Unit 2. Their assessments for each unit are likely to take place over 3-4 lessons, potentially in the weeks commencing 12th and 19th April (Unit 1) and in the weeks commencing 10th and 17th May (Unit 2). Consideration may also be given to pupils' performance in mock exams, classwork and blended learning work completed at home, particularly where individual pupils may have missed aspects of the course due to absence.

Maths - Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for both the Pure and Applied elements of AS level Mathematics. There will be 6 assessments for Pure and 2 assessments for Applied. Each of these assessments will be completed in a Maths lesson following 3 lessons of focussed teaching on the topics being assessed in each assessment. The assessments are likely to take place over a total of 9 weeks.

Biology – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Units 1 & 2 These assessments are likely to take place over a period of 2 weeks per unit potentially in the weeks commencing 17th May 2021. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in end of topic assessments and mock exams during the year.

Chemistry – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Units 1 & 2 These assessments are likely to take place over a period of 2 weeks per unit potentially in the weeks commencing 10th May 2021. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in end of topic assessments and mock exams during the year.

Physics – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Units 1 & 2 These assessments are likely to take place over a period of 2 weeks per unit potentially in the weeks commencing 10th May 2021. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in end of topic assessments and mock exams during the year.

Product Design- Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 1 at the Pencoedtre site. They will continue to work on their Non-Examined Assessment over the coming weeks.

Geography - Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for both unit 1 (Landscapes) which is taught at Whitmore and unit 2 (Places) which is taught at Pencoedtre. These assessments are likely to take place in the week beginning Monday 19th April. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in other assessed work completed during the year.

Geology - Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for both Component 1 (Foundation Geology – Theory paper) and Component 2 (Geological Enquires – Practical paper). These assessments are likely to take place in the week beginning Monday 17th May (Component 1) and Monday 24th May (Component 2). Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in other assessed work completed during the year.

History – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 1 at Whitmore and Unit 2 at Pencoedtre. These assessments are likely to take place over 2 lessons potentially in the weeks commencing 3rd May. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in their essays completed during the school year.

Applied ICT – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 1 Part A and B papers. These assessments are likely to take place in May over 3 lessons. Pupils will continue with their Non-Examined Assessments for Unit 2 over the coming weeks which will also contribute towards their final grade.

RE – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 2: An Introduction to Religion and Ethics and Introduction to Philosophy. These assessments are likely to take place in lessons potentially over the week commencing the 19th April (Ethics) and Monday 18th May (Philosophy). Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in centre-based tasks, classwork and blended learning work.

Sociology – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 1 and 2. These assessments are likely to take place during timetabled Sociology lessons potentially in the weeks commencing 26th April (Unit 1) and 10th May (Unit 2). Consideration will also be given to pupil's performance in centre-based tasks, classwork and blended learning work.

Psychology - Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 1 and 2. These assessments will take place during Psychology lessons, potentially in the weeks commencing 10th May. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in class tests and work completed during blended learning. Students who have Psychology Unit 2 with Miss. Robinson at PHS will sit their paper the week beginning 18th April.

Music – Pupils will be assessed in three areas: Performing (Unit 1), Composing (Unit 2) and Appraising (Unit 3). Performances and compositions will be marked based on evidence gathered up to Friday 21st of May. Pencoedtre will be focusing on Unit 3. This will be using WJEC adapted assessment papers for unit 3. Consideration may also be given to pupils' performance in mock exams, classwork and blended learning work completed at home, particularly where individual pupils may have missed aspects of the course due to absence.

Theatre Studies Pupils have already completed their Unit 1 non-examination performance assessments in school. This includes both practical and written assessment tasks. They will also be assessed using an adapted assessment paper for Unit 2: "A View from the Bridge". These assessments will take place between the 12/4/21 and the 23/4/21. The 10/5/21 to 21/5/21 will be an opportunity for any pupils to complete any aspects of the work outstanding for Unit 2. Consideration may also be given to pupils' performance in mock exams, classwork and blended learning work completed at home, particularly where individual pupils may have missed aspects of the course due to absence.

Sport – this course is a Btec qualification and therefore a moderation and sampling process will take place during the summer term for a selection of units that have been covered so far. The centre is assessed via an external sampling process that will help determine pupils' grades. The sampling process is underway and will be finalised by June / July.

Public Services - this course is a Btec qualification and therefore a moderation and sampling process will take place during the summer term for a selection of units that have been covered so far. The centre is assessed via an external sampling process that will help determine pupils' grades. The sampling process is underway and will be finalised by June / July.

Art – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment statements to aid the marking of students work. This will be alongside the WJEC marking scheme and exemplar evidence. These assessments will take place during May; students will be given the deadline of 13th May to complete their coursework, including the work below and a final piece(s). Consideration may also be given to mind maps, mood boards artist's research & analysis, own photography, observational drawings, creative making, development of ideas, reviewing & refinement of own ideas, final design, annotation, practise pieces relating to final design, final piece(s) and an evaluation making connections to the artist

who inspired own work. Pupil's may choose to complete work at home, but where this is lengthy, we ask that their efforts are recorded using photography. We require evidence to assess every pupil's grade, therefore it is essential that students make the most of the time left to show what they are capable of.

Year 12 Welsh Baccaureate – As the Welsh Baccaureate/Skills Challenge A level is assessed differently to AS levels (it is two-year course assessed via 4 Skills Challenge Certificates) the WJEC have decided against Centre Derived Grades. Students should submit their Skills Challenge work for the Global Citizenship Challenge and Employability Challenge as per deadlines set by their class teacher on Google Classroom. Their work will be held securely and submitted to the WJEC in January 2022.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful and happy Easter break; let's hope we have some sunshine to enjoy.

Yours sincerely,



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