



## GCSE 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 GCSEs.

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 have already completed their Unit 3 non-examination assessments in school. They will also be assessed using an adapted assessment paper for Unit 1, Section A ('Of Mice and Men'). Their assessments are likely to take place over 3 lessons, potentially in the weeks commencing 19th and 26th April. 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.

**English Language** – Pupils have already completed their WJEC Unit 1 non-examination assessments in school. They will also be assessed using adapted assessment papers for Unit 2 (reading and writing description, narration and exposition) and Unit 3 (reading and writing argumentation, persuasion and instruction). These papers will be broken down into separate assessment tasks and interspersed with focused teaching of the required skills. Unit 2 assessments are likely to take place during lessons over 2 weeks, potentially in the weeks commencing 3rd and 10th May. Their Unit 3 assessments are likely to take place during lessons over 2 weeks in the weeks commencing 17th and 24th May. 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 GCSE Mathematics and GCSE Numeracy. There will be 4 assessments for Mathematics (1A, 1B, 2A and 2B) and 4 assessments for Numeracy (1A, 1B, 2A and 2B). These assessments cover both Units 1 and Unit 2 for each of the 2 GCSE qualification. Each of these assessments will be completed in Maths lessons, following 3 lessons of focussed teaching and learning on the topics being assessed in each assessment. The assessments are likely to take place over 9 weeks, with assessment 1A already completed.

**Triple Science** – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 2 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. These assessments are likely to take place over a series of 3 to 4 lessons during a 2-week window, potentially in the weeks commencing 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in mock exams, end of topic assessments and work produced in class and online.

**Science: Double Award** – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for units 4 (Biology), 5 (Chemistry) and 6 (Physics). These assessments are likely to take place over a series of 3 to 4 lessons during a 2-week window, potentially in the weeks commencing 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in mock exams, end of topic assessments and work produced in class and online.

**Applied Science: Single award** – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for unit 2 and unit 3. These assessments are likely to take place over a series of 3 to 4 lessons potentially in the weeks commencing 10<sup>th</sup>

May 2021. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in mock exams, end of topic assessments and work produced in class and online.

**Product Design** – Pupils have been assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 1. Pupils will continue with their Non-Examined Assessments over the coming weeks.

**Engineering** – Pupils have been assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 1. Pupils will continue with their Non-Examined Assessments over the coming weeks.

**Geography** - Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for both Unit 1 (Year 10 topics) and Unit 2 (Year 11 topics). The unit 1 assessment will take place in the week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April and the unit 2 assessment will take place in the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in their end of topic assessments that have already completed during year 10 and 11.

**Geology** – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for both component 1 (theory exam) and component 2 (practical exam). The component 1 assessment will take place in the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May and the component 2 assessment will take place in the week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in their end of topic assessments that have already completed during year 10 and 11.

**History** – Pupils will be assessed using the WJEC controlled assessment task A, which pupils already completed last year. They will also be assessed using an adapted assessment paper for Unit 1 USA, A Nation of Contrasts 1910-29. This assessment is likely to take place over 2 lessons potentially in the weeks commencing 10<sup>th</sup> May. Consideration will also be given to pupil's performance in the fact tests and GCSE style question assessments, some of which have been completed at the end of topics 2 and 3 of Unit 1 and topic 1 of Unit 2. There will be two more of these fact tests and GCSE style question assessments after Easter.

**ICT** – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 1 and 3 adapted theory papers. These assessments are likely to take place in May over 2 lessons. Pupils will continue with their Non-Examined Assessments for Unit 2 and 4 over the coming weeks which will also contribute towards their final grade.

**Computer Science** – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 1 and 2 adapted theory papers. These assessments are likely to take place in May over 5 lessons. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in end of topic assessments and work produced in class and online.

**Business Studies** – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 1 and 2 adapted theory papers. These assessments are likely to take place in May. Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in end of topic assessments and work produced in class and online.

**PR Equality and Diversity** – Pupils will be assessed on three units of study – 1. Equality and Diversity in Society 2. Equality and Diversity in the Community and 3. Equality and Diversity in the workplace. These assessments are ongoing and will continue to take place in lessons. Consideration will also be given to blended learning work completed at home.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> of May. Some students may have already completed units 1 & 2. We will be using WJEC adapted assessment papers for unit 3. This assessment is likely to take place over 3 lessons potentially in the week commencing the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. 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.

**Drama** - 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 3: Section A ('Romeo and Juliet') Section B (Theatre review). Their assessments for Section A took place before the Easter break (during LIVE lessons on the computer and during Face to Face learning). Section B of the paper will be completed 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 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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Photography** - 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 13<sup>th</sup> May to complete their coursework, including the work below and a final piece(s). Consideration may also be given to mind maps, mood boards photographer’s research & analysis, own photography, own photos (contacts/wallets), planning sketches, 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/photographer 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.

**Spanish** - Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers in the four examinations areas of Speaking, Reading, Writing and Listening. These assessments are likely to take place over 10 lessons potentially beginning from the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> April. *Consideration may also be given to pupils' performance in topic class booklets, classwork and blended learning work completed at home, particularly where individual pupils may have missed aspects of the course due to absence.*

**French** - Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers in the four examinations areas of Speaking, Reading, Writing and Listening. These assessments are likely to take place over 10 lessons potentially beginning from the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> April. *Consideration may also be given to pupils' performance in topic class booklets, classwork and blended learning work completed at home, particularly where individual pupils may have missed aspects of the course due to absence.*

**Welsh** – Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 2 (Speaking and Listening exam). This assessment is likely to take place over one week potentially in the weeks commencing 17<sup>th</sup> May. Pupils will also be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Units 3 and 4 (Reading and Writing exams). These assessments are likely to take place over 4 lessons potentially in the weeks commencing 12<sup>th</sup> April. *Consideration may also be given to pupil's performance in topic class booklets, classwork and exam style questions completed previously, particularly where individual pupils may have missed aspects of the course due to absence.*

**Sport** - Pupils will be assessed using WJEC adapted assessment papers for Unit 2 (Fitness for Sport). These assessments are planned to take place by the end of April 2021. Pupils will also be assessed using WJEC coursework guidelines for Units 1 and 3 (Improving Sporting Performance and Coaching Unit). Consideration will also be given to pupils’ performance in topic class booklets, classwork, homework assignments and exam style questions completed previously, particularly for areas in Unit 2.

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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