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Summer assessment update

Dear Parents and Carers,

At last, the end of the summer assessment process is now in sight. Our students are set to be rewarded for all their hard academic graft.

This week, we received the final raft of information from Qualifications Wales and WJEC concerning appeals. This means I am now in a position to share the final arrangements before the publication of students' WJEC GCSE and A-level grades in August.

Grading and appeals

Teachers have informed students of the assessment evidence that will be used to determine their grade in each subject. Indeed, in nearly all cases, students have been working exceptionally hard on these assessments to achieve their best possible grade.

Schools and colleges across Wales have applied internal quality assurance arrangements and WJEC has undertaken external quality assurance of arrangements for summer 2021. However, errors may occasionally occur. So once your child has received their provisional Centre Determined Grades (CDGs), they have an opportunity to ask the school to provide the Learner Decision Making Record (LDMR) for subjects where they believe an error may have been made. The LDMR provides the teacher's rationale for the grade awarded. After reading the rationale, if your child still genuinely believes an error has been made that has had a material effect on the accuracy of their provisional CDGs, **they are able to request that the school review the grade.** All centre review requests must use the WJEC Centre Review and Appeals Request Form that will be provided when grades are released. Learners are not able to negotiate which evidence is included in the range of evidence used to determine their grades.

If they ask for a grade to be reviewed, your child must provide written permission because **the grade may go down** as a result of the review.



Timeline

In Llanidloes High School, **grades will be released to learners on 16th June**. The **deadline for learners to request a centre review is 23rd June**. We are unable to accept centre review requests after this deadline. We are required to submit Centre Determined Grades (CDGs) to WJEC by 2nd July. If your child has requested a review which results in a grade change, we must inform WJEC of the grade change by 20th July to ensure that the grade can be amended prior to results day.

Where applicable, once centre reviews are complete, we will share the outcome with your child and submit their provisional Centre Determined Grades to WJEC. These grades are still provisional at this stage as WJEC will need to undertake some additional checks with the school.

Date	Event	Key: FAO pupils/parents	FAO teachers
25 th May	Year 10 parent webinar outlining centre review and appeals process and key dates		
26 th May	Year 11 parent webinar outlining centre review and appeals process and key dates		
27 th May	Year 12/13 parent webinar outlining centre review and appeals process and key dates		
27 th May	Final summer assessment work for nearly all students		
28 th May	Year 11 Fun Day and BBQ – Final day of school for nearly all Year 11 and Year 13 students		
28 th May	Grading on Go4Schools to be completed		
31 st May 4 th June	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS		
7 th June	INSET day (no school for pupils)		
7 th June	INSET – New curriculum, moderation/QA of CDGs, Learner Decision Making Records (LDMRs)		
By 9 th June	DMRs completed by subject staff		
By 10 th June	DMRs QA by CALs/senior links		
16 th June	Provisional grades released to students via email		
18 th June	Deadline for LDMR/additional relevant evidence requests		
18 th June	Last date for submission of grades to OCR		
23 rd June	Last date for submission of centre review requests		
23 rd -25 th June	Centre Review Panel to consider centre review requests		
28 th June*	All centre review outcomes emailed to learners. These learners will be asked if they want an appeal submitted to WJEC (Stage 2).		
30 th June	WJEC's final deadline for provision of provisional grades to learners		
By 2 nd July	All provisional CDGs submitted to WJEC		
By 2 nd July	Deadline for learners who requested a Centre Review to ask the school to submit a Stage 2 appeal to WJEC on their behalf		
9 th July	School to submit Stage 2 appeals/evidence to WJEC where applicable		
13 th – 16 th July	WJEC discusses any issues arising from the QA with centres		

20 th July	WJEC deadline for submission of amendments following centre reviews
10 th August	AS and A level Results Day
10 th August – 17 th September	WJEC AS and A level Stage 2 appeals window
12 th August	GCSE Results Day
24 th August – 21 st September	WJEC GCSE Stage 2 appeals window

* Provisional

Live webinars

Next week, I will be hosting a final series of live webinars for parents. This will provide an opportunity to ask your summer assessment questions and, for parents of Year 11 students, be reminded of post-16 opportunities. The webinars can be accessed via the links below:

- **Year 10: Tuesday 25th May at 6pm**

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NWRkYzdINzltNThkYy00MTRiLWEzOGItY2U1OWJlODc1MmVj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224f3f0e52-b734-4164-9409-1b601d147993%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22157d903e-9d08-4550-a9f4-ec2b7556300%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d&btype=a&role=a

- **Year 11: Wednesday 26th May at 6pm**

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTM2YTliZTctMDVhZS00NmVlTk3NzEtZjQwODM5YWQ1ZmFl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224f3f0e52-b734-4164-9409-1b601d147993%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22157d903e-9d08-4550-a9f4-ec2b7556300%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d&btype=a&role=a

- **Years 12/13: Thursday 27th May at 6pm**

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTUxYjRkYmMtYWVlOS00OWRlLWE5NjltMWYyZjdjMDc0MTJi%40thead.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224f3f0e52-b734-4164-9409-1b601d147993%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22157d903e-9d08-4550-a9f4-ec2b7556300%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d&btype=a&role=a

If you cannot make the evening allocated to your child's year group, you are welcome to join one of the other meetings. If you cannot make any of the meetings, you are welcome to contact me directly at the school.

I will also be hosting assemblies for students on the same day as the relevant parent webinar.

Looking ahead...

For students in Years 11 and 13, there is no requirement to attend school after 28 May unless they are told otherwise. These learners' absence will be authorised until the end of the current academic year. Students in Year 12 will continue with their learning until the end of term.

Next half term, we will focus on further supporting student transition from Years 11, 12 and 13. To this end, students may be invited to return to school for additional careers and learning pathway support on specified days. Where applicable, bridging units will be shared to ensure students are able to prepare for their next stage of learning.



Many Year 11 students are returning to Sixth Form in September. If this applies to your child, please ensure they sign up via the **Powys Learning Pathways website** via the link below. They are able to amend their options any time between now and September. Staff are available next half term if your child would like further support and guidance or discuss their preferred options.

<https://www.powyslearningpathways.wales/portal/login>

And finally...

While it is true that the finish line is in sight, we know it remains an anxious time for some of our learners (and their parents!) The Pastoral Team will continue to provide on-site support up to the summer holidays for all students, including those in Years 11 and 13. If you feel your child needs to access this support, please contact a member of the Gofal or Ynys Centre via the school office.

Similarly, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at school if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your wonderful support this year. We are more grateful than ever for the tremendous strength and depth of care across the wider Llanidloes High School community.

Yours faithfully,



Daniel Owen (Headteacher)