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Dear Learner of Year 10 and Year 12,

We live in extraordinary times and I am so sorry that your secondary school career has been disrupted due to this unprecedented situation. Just as we were coming to terms with that, we then had the news that the summer exam schedule was to be cancelled.

We know how keen you all are to know what will happen next. We have received an update from Qualifications Wales (the Board that oversees all qualifications issued in this country), which has given us some further guidance on the next steps for our year 10 and 12 learners. The following has been taken from the FAQs ([Link to FAQs](#)) and other documents published by Qualifications Wales including their letter to learners ([Link to qualifications Wales learner letter.](#)) The following may be subject to updates based on any further information we receive.

Qualifications Wales wrote:

“Regarding those due to sit their AS levels and Year 10 learners who would have taken unit assessments in Wales this summer and full GCSEs.

- AS learners will receive a calculated grade based on a range of evidence.
- Year 10 learners who were entered for units will not receive a calculated unit grade for any unit **exams you were due to sit in the summer of 2020 which contribute to your overall GCSE grade.** (Please see the two year 10 options listed later in this letter)
- Year 10 learners who were due to sit exams that would have led to a **whole or full GCSE qualification** this summer will be issued a grade following the same process as Year 11 learners. For Milford Haven school this only applies to Drama and Entry Level Science.

For both AS learners and learners entered for units in Year 10 as part of a GCSE qualification, consideration will be made in summer 2021 when they sit their A levels and full GCSEs respectively (see below)

Qualifications Wales have instructed all centres that we are NOT allowed to share any form of prediction / grade assessment with our learners. As a consequence of this, unfortunately, we will not be able to give our usual ‘end of term’ snapshot.

I want to carry on with the A level but can I resit my AS because I am not happy with the grade I got given?

You will have two options in summer 2021.

Option 1: You can choose to sit both the AS units and the A2 units for the A level. The full A level grade will be calculated on how you do on all units in the full A level.

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Option 2: You can sit just the A2 units and your performance in these will be used to calculate an overall A level result. The combined marks will then be used to produce the A level grade.

If you choose to follow option 1, WJEC will still check what your grade would have been with option 2. If option 2 gives a higher grade, then you will get the higher grade.

I am in Year 10 and I was due to sit a GCSE unit this summer, as part of my GCSE. I don't want to have to do all my exams when I am in Year 11. What happens?

You will have 2 options in summer 2021.

Option 1: You can choose just to sit the units Year 11 units (exams and NEA, if applicable). Your overall grade will be worked out on the basis of those units.

Option 2: You can choose to sit the units you were due to complete in Year 10, as well as sitting the units due to be sat in Year 11. Your overall grade will then be worked out on the basis of the performance in all the units. However, if your grade from option 1 would be higher, then you would get the higher grade.

In Wales, there will be no additional exam series this year, but the usual exam series will take place in November for GCSEs in English Language, Mathematics and Mathematics-Numeracy". In January 2021 English Literature unit 1, Health and Social care unit 1 and ICT unit 1 may be available to sit for the first time with a resit opportunity available in the summer of 2021 (Based on current information).

A very small number of the courses we offer are overseen by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (OFqual) based in England but approved for delivery in Welsh schools by Qualifications Wales . This includes courses offered by AQA, OCR, Pearson Edexcel BTEC and ASDAN; their advice with regard to year 12 is the same as Qualifications Wales, however they are yet to make a final decision with regard to year 10.

It is very important that you must keep working through your studies to prepare you for the next stage of your academic career. As the letter from qualifications Wales notes " Teachers may continue to set work to ensure that all teaching and learning has been completed and help prepare you for next year."

Finally, we are sure we will be communicating with you next term but, until then, if anyone has a concern or worries about their next steps, please do not hesitate to contact us on the following email addresses:

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Yours sincerely



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