



Tuesday 16th March 2021

Dear Student,

Please read the following information carefully. It will provide you with high level details regarding your AS or A Level Centre Determined Grades (CDGs).

As you will be aware the summer 2021 series of examinations has been cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. In their place, we have been instructed to determine your grades based on demonstrated attainment. The judgement will be holistic, and underpinned by sufficient evidence. Consequently, we have taken all the examination board advice into consideration, and as a College we will determine your CDG based on the assessments you have and will complete this academic year. The exact details of the plans will have a degree of variation, depending on the AS or A Level subject. However, on the whole they fall into three main categories as outlined below:

Option 1 (includes subjects which usually assessed by end of year examinations, with no coursework or non-examined assessment (NEA)).

| Assessment Name | Weighting |
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| December Mock Examination | 25% |
| February /March Assessment 4 | 15% |
| Easter Open Book Assessment | 30% |
| April/May Class Assessments | 30% |

Option 2 (includes subjects which are usually assessed with 100% coursework, and no end of year examinations).

| Assessment Name | Weighting |
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| Coursework | 100% |

Option 3 (includes subjects that are usually assessed with a fairly even split of end of year exam and non-examined assessment NEA)).

| Assessment Name | Weighting |
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| Non-examined Assessment (NEA) | 40-50% |
| Appropriate selection from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock exam, • February /March Assessment 4, • Easter Open Book assessment • April/May Class Assessment | 50-60% |

You will have an opportunity to ask your subject lecturers specific questions about each of your subjects once your lecturer has fully explained the subject specific assessment plan in lessons.

Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate- (WBQ)

A2 students will be awarded a holistic grade based on their demonstration of each of the seven skills assessed through the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate. This will be demonstrated through submission of the Individual Project and at least one other Challenge. We are still awaiting guidance on the weighting of the Challenges and how they will contribute to the overall grade.

AS students are expected to complete their Global Citizenship Challenge and Community Challenge ready for external moderation in the autumn term of 2021. This means that AS students will not achieve a CDG for the Skills Challenge Certificate this summer.

For your future reference, included below is a link to the communications released to date, to students by Qualifications Wales,

<https://qualificationswales.org/english/awarding-2021/information-for-learners/>

Yours sincerely,

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