

Our Reference: Summer 2022: Guidance on contingency assessment arrangements for approved GCSEs, AS and A levels.

January 17th 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We have been informed by Qualifications Wales that we should prepare for the possible implementation of contingency arrangements in the unlikely event that summer examinations are cancelled. We have been advised to plan the assessments to be used to inform 'centre determined grades' (CDG), should they be needed, so that the collection of assessment evidence can start as soon as possible, and as appropriate for our centre.

In order to ensure that this is manageable, alongside preparation for an ordinary examination series in summer 2022, we aim to integrate these assessments into the usual processes of teaching and learning, and existing robust assessment plans. We previously communicated to you that the mock examinations in the Autumn term may be used for this purpose, and that all subsequent assessments taken under formal conditions could also be used for the purpose of generating the centre determined grade. If examinations are cancelled, the assessments will be used to support a holistic judgement of a centre determined qualification grade.

Assessments will be marked, and feedback provided to learners to support preparation for the exam series in summer 2022. They may also be used as evidence for a centre determined grade if this becomes necessary. If examinations are cancelled further summative assessments will take place within school, in addition to our normal assessment plan. Details of any extra assessments will only be communicated if examinations are cancelled.

We are currently planning to hold a second set of mock examinations in the week commencing Monday 21st March. Timetables and content to be assessed will be provided before the February half-term break.

If you have any queries please contact Mr Allinson - Assistant Head teacher - <u>allinsonlg@bryntirioncs.bridgend.sch.uk</u>

Yours sincerely

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