

WJEC Summer Qualifications 2021

Information for pupils in Y11, 12, 13 and families

What are Centre Determined Grades? (CDGs)

These will be:

- Grades decided by the school on the basis of attainment demonstrated in a qualification based on content that has been taught;
- Grades awarded that are supported by robust evidence that clearly demonstrates a pupil's attainment across the key themes and skills required by each WJEC subject;

Centre Determined Grades are NOT:

- Based on professional prediction or the potential of a pupil;
- Necessarily grades given on interim or formal reports;
- Similar to Centre Assessed Grades 2020 as there will be no external standardisation or ranking.

What evidence will be used?

In determining a grade, the following types of evidence will be used in each qualification:

'Adapted Assessments'

- These will be based on questions from WJEC adapted past-papers and will form a key part of the evidence.
- These will be timetabled and incorporated as short tasks within the normal delivery of teaching and learning from 13th April.
- They will last for no more than 30 minutes per lesson.

'Non-Examination Assessment' (NEA)

- Where this is part of a qualification it will contribute to the final grade.
- Teachers will consider the weighting of the element, in light of the qualification as a whole, to ensure that the grade awarded accurately reflects the overall standard. For example, in a qualification where the weighting of a NEA is equivalent to 20% of the overall grade, teachers will take this into account alongside the other assessments when determining the grade.

'Additional Evidence'

- Teachers may have work from pupils who have previously completed WJEC past-paper questions under controlled conditions i.e. a mock exam.
- For many reasons this evidence cannot be used as a key part of the evidence when arriving at a CDG, but will be used where appropriate to support grading decisions.

What are the school's processes regarding quality assurance?

- WJEC requires the school to have internal processes to promote consistency.
- Senior Leaders have worked with each subject to ensure there is an internal document called a Subject Assessment Plan which clarifies the evidence they will use and how it will be obtained and assessed
- The school will undertake quality assurance processes, within subjects and across subjects, to ensure the grades determined are valid, reliable, equitable and fair, while seeking to avoid discrimination.

- All teachers will make use of the training provided by the WJEC on grading and quality assurance.
- Subject moderation must take place which will involve:
 - a. Subject teachers will mark work/assessments against specific WJEC mark schemes/criteria
 - b. Subject teachers will swap samples of work and verify the marking of their colleagues
 - c. Directors of Faculty will also sample evidence from different teaching groups where applicable
 - d. the Senior Leadership Team will quality assure subject assessment plans and will sample evidence
- Teachers will complete a record for every learner to document clearly the rationale for grade decisions.

How will pupils receive their results?

- In June, and before June 25th, pupils will be given provisional Centre Determined Grades.
- Where a pupil is satisfied with the grades determined by the school, there is no further action.
- Pupils may request a review of the centre's judgement of their grade and/or correct any factual errors (see timeline for details). The process undertaken by the school will be similar to the internal moderation process. Where a review has been requested, it will be considered by a member of staff who was not the original assessor. A member of SLT will also review that the school's processes have been followed, in terms of associated decision-making records etc. New or additional evidence will not be considered as part of the review process. Where a review has been upheld, the Centre Determined Grade will be amended.
- WJEC will formally issue GCE results on 10th August and GCSE results on 12th August 2021.
- The WJEC will then implement a process to permit pupils to appeal a Centre Determined Grade on the grounds of procedural error only, where a review of grade has been unsuccessful.
- Qualifications Wales will also implement an Examination Procedures Review Service. At each stage of the review/appeal process, pupils will need to be aware that a centre determined grade may be improved or be lowered.