



Y Gyfadran Lefel A a Sgiliau Faculty of A Levels and Skills

Wythnos yn cychwyh 29 Tachwedd 2021 Week Commencing 29 November 2021



Today's briefing:

- Qualification Wales & WJEC Guidance for Summer 2022
- 2. Learner Support
- 3. Important Dates
- 4. Time for Q&A



- GCSE, AS & A Level qualifications will be assessed via examination and non-examined assessment in 2022.
- Adaptations are in place e.g. reduced content to be covered.
- AS/A Level Adaptations Booklet from WJEC
- The WJEC Exam Timetable is now available to view here



- Qualification Wales have published <u>guidance</u> on contingency arrangements, should the Welsh Government make the decision to cancel exams.
- This guidance gives us, as a centre, information on what steps we need to take to ensure we have assessment evidence to provide Centre Determined Grades.



- We need to plan what assessments would be used to inform Centre Determined Grades.
- Assessment will not be additional, it will be built into our normal teaching and learning plans.
- Assessments should be marked and feedback provided to you (as they are being used to help with preparation for the Summer 2022 examinations).
- We must inform you which assessments will be used to inform grades if exams are cancelled.



- Qualifications Wales also published their grading approach which can be found <u>here</u>.
- Qualifications Wales recognise the disruption and have determined to treat 2022 as a "pandemic transition year".





Key points for centres:

- If exams are cancelled, then centres will be asked to determine centre qualification grades for their learners.
- Centre determined grades are overall qualification grades that are produced through a holistic judgment that is underpinned by a number of pieces of evidence of demonstrated attainment.
- You should not determine qualification grades yet, and more guidance will be published if exams are cancelled.
- You need to consider what assessment evidence will be used to support decisions about qualification grades if exams are cancelled.
- You need to tell learners which assessments will be used to determine qualification grades so that they can prepare and, if necessary, you need to update any data processing notices.
- You need to mark all assessments consistently so that the evidence can be used if needed.
- 7. You can provide feedback to learners on each assessment, as you would normally.
- Learners must not be allowed to re-take the same assessment for the purpose of improving their grade if exams are cancelled.



- WJEC have provided Qualification Assessment Frameworks that set out their requirements for assessment evidence.
- Assessment evidence must cover all assessment objectives and represent sufficient coverage of breadth of adapted specification content requirements.
- Centres should not provide learners with specific details of questions or past papers that will be used.
- Centres must consider reasonable adjustments that learners are entitled to and apply them to assessments.



- It is anticipated that assessment for each unit will be obtained in a number of sittings.
- It is assumed that evidence will be gathered over 3-4 half terms in this academic year.
- Time spent on assessments should not exceed the total assessment time of examinations.
- It is assumed that assessments will take place under controlled conditions.



- We need to document our assessments plans for each subject and these will be shared with you in due course.
- They will look similar to this example from WJEC for A Level Biology.
- Mock examinations will be part of the assessment plans.

Timeline	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5
Spring 1	Past paper questions which assess approximately half of the subject content under controlled conditions		Experimental task past paper (can be done in one session or a number of lessons) under controlled conditions
Spring 2	Past paper questions which assess the remaining subject content under controlled conditions		Practical analysis task past paper under controlled conditions
Summer 1		Past paper questions which assess approximately half of the subject content	
Summer 2		Past paper questions which assess the remaining subject content	



- Latest updates from Qualifications Wales can be found <u>here</u>
- Latest updates from WJEC can be found <u>here</u>



2. Learner Support

- The key message is that we are focusing on preparing you for exams and any assessment will be part of this normal process.
- Support in place:
 - Group tutorial sessions focused on A Level Mindset
 & Study Skills
 - Learning Coach sessions/1:1 appointments
 - TogetherAll courses
 - Report to the Hwb/F1.1 with any concerns



3. Important Dates

- 3rd December: Internal UCAS Deadline for 2022 Entry
- Friday 10th December: Christmas Charity Event
- Friday 17th December: Last day of term (students stood down at 12 noon)
- Wednesday 5th January: Term starts (Tuesday 4th is a Management Day)
- WC 10th January 2022: A Level Mock Examinations
- 26th January: UCAS Deadline for 2022 Entry



4. Time for Q&A

- Please use your microphones or the public chat to ask questions.
- We will save the public chat in order to make sure that all questions are answered during/after the briefing.





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Thank you for joining us.

