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Dear Year 10 and 11 Learners / Parents / Carers,

In light of the recent announcement from Welsh Government, any pupil intended to be entered for a GCSE qualification this year, will now be awarded a grade determined by their teacher. Please refer to the links below for further information.

The Education Minister has provided a written statement on General Qualifications in Wales in 2021. A copy of the statement is available below:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-update-general-qualifications-2021-0>

Qualifications Wales has published a statement confirming the assessment approach for summer 2021 and also a letter for learners - both are available below:

<https://www.qualificationswales.org/english/awarding-2021/statements/qualifications-wales-confirms-assessment-approach-for-summer-2021/>

and

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

WJEC have also published a statement on our website which is available below:

<https://www.wjec.co.uk/articles/education-minister-kirsty-williams-confirms-approach-for-summer-2021-assessments/>

We, as a school, welcome this news as it allows us to control our processes that best suit our learners in the current situation. Our process of determining 'teacher assessed' grades will be similar to that of last year. We would like to reassure you by mentioning at this stage, due the robust processes our school used last year, grades awarded were accepted without one single learner/parental appeal being made to the school. We are confident that we can look forward to a similar situation for our current cohorts.

**What does this mean for our learners now?**

**It is now more vital than ever that we have evidence for work given in our current 'remote' environment.**

**We expect:**

- **Learners to engage in all live lessons**
- **All work set to be completed and to a high standard.**

We will continue to keep you informed as further information is shared with us. Please contact me on [mainws@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:mainws@caerphilly.gov.uk) if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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