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Dear Year 11 Pupils / Parents / Carers

We are now half way through our Centre Determined Grade “anchor assessment” period with only three more weeks remaining. To this point, staff as a whole have been very impressed with the dedication, hard work and diligence of pupils and we hope this approach will be maintained right to the end of this half term. As you are aware, departments will utilise these assessments (alongside further subsidiary evidence) to inform a pupil’s final CDG in each of his/her subjects.

On occasions when pupils have returned from absence, staff have provided opportunities for the completion of any assessments missed. We are also in touch with families where pupils may be isolating to provide alternative arrangements for CDG evidence gathering.

In the majority of cases, the controls in place for anchor assessments reflect those associated with traditional examinations (closed-book; silent working environments; no mobile phones, etc.). We appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of these controls with your child. We also ensure that, where specified, access arrangements are in place and urge all pupils to accept these.

Following completion of CDGs, Year 11 pupils will not be expected to return to school following half term, with the last day’s attendance being Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Following the completion of a quality assurance moderation week, CDG provisional results will be forwarded to pupils on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June with an appeals window to follow. You may be aware that the appeals process is currently being refined at a national level – when we have received any updates on this, we will pass the information on to you.

Once again, please reference the CDG section of our school website for further information on the grading processes and, should you have further queries, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

We wish our pupils the very best of luck in this final period of assessment and thank all parents and carers for their continued support. The pastoral team are also looking forward to a few events we are hoping to organise for pupils to celebrate their remaining weeks with us.

Yours faithfully,

The Senior Leadership Team  
Islwyn High School.