



Centre Determined Grades

A guide to Assessment and Quality Assurance processes
for the 'Summer 2021 Alternative Arrangements'



What are CDGs?

- CDG stands for Centre Determined Grades
- Following the November 2021 announcement by Welsh Government, this year's GCSE examination series will not take place
- Instead, pupils completing KS4 courses will be awarded a CDG per subject area
- The school (as an individual examination centre) will award a CDG grade based on attainment demonstrated through a qualification
- A CDG will be a 'best-fit' judgement underpinned by a range of evidence



Evidence sources – what are these?

- Evidence for the award of each CDG may vary dependent upon subject/department
- This has been agreed, in advance, with the School Leadership Team
- Evidence may be provided through ‘Subsidiary’ or ‘Anchor’ assessments
- Subsidiary sources may include agreed departmental assessments, coursework, controlled assessments, specific classwork (NEAs) and/or practical activities which have already taken place
- Where there is insufficient evidence, or where evidence is below that required of the lowest grade for a qualification (i.e. G at GCSE), this will result in an unclassified (U) CDG



What is an 'Anchor' assessment?

- In the majority of cases, 'Anchor' assessments will inform the significant proportion of a subject's CDG award
- All 'Anchor' assessments will take place this half-term (12th April – 28th May, 2021)
- These are not examinations and will not take place in an 'examination hall'
- All will be completed within class-time, as part of a pupil's timetabled lessons
- Adapted WJEC past papers/recently-released materials will be used
- These will be 'chunked' into assessment tasks of up to 40 minutes
- Where stipulated, access arrangements will be in place



What is 'Subsidiary' evidence?

- This is evidence, collected from work already completed earlier in a course, which may be considered in the award of a CDG
- This may be taken from an agreed range of previously completed work
- Examples may include controlled assessments/coursework (NEAs – Non-Examination Assessments), subject assessments and specific classwork tasks completed under controlled conditions
- In subject assessment plans (as agreed by the school's Senior Leadership Team), Heads of Department have nominated specific tasks which may be used as subsidiary evidence
- In determining a CDG, the weighting of 'Anchor' to 'Subsidiary' evidence is specific to each subject area

Further arrangements...



- Following Whitsun Half-Term, pupils' work will be moderated and standardised as part of the school's quality assurance processes
- Provisional CDGs will be reported to pupils/parents/carers on **Wednesday 16th June, 2021**
- Pupils may request a **Learner Decision Making Record** if they believe an error has been made that has affected the accuracy of a provisional CDG – between **Thursday 17th and Friday 18th June**
- A 'CDG Centre Review Window' will operate between **Monday 21st and Friday 25th June** when a pupil/parent/carer may ask for a CDG to be reviewed by the school prior to its submission to the WJEC
- A review may be requested on the grounds of judgement and/or an administrative error – this must be put in writing to the school
- **'Results Day'** will take place on **Wednesday 12th August, 2021**
- There are further, post-result appeal stages (to both WJEC and Qualifications Wales) as outlined in the accompanying school policy

Key Timeline

Event	Description	2021 Date/s
'Anchor' assessments	'Chunked' tasks to be completed as part of lesson time and in-line with subject assessment plans	12 th April – 28 th May
WJEC entries	Final entries to be completed for all KS4 qualifications	15 th April (school); 22 nd April (to WJEC)
Moderation/Quality Assurance processes for grading	Departmental standardisation, moderation and quality assurance; SLT overview	7 th June – 11 th June (including INSET on Monday 7.6.21)
CDGs reported to pupils/parents/carers	Provisional CDG data released by the school	Wednesday 30th June
Learner Decision Making Record - requests	Pupil requests for Learner Decision Making Records (where it is thought an error has affected the accuracy of a provisional CDG)	Thursday 1 st July – Friday 2 nd July (2.15pm deadline for requests)
CDG 'Centre Review Window' – written requests	Written student/parental/carers requests for CDG review to the school; reviews to be completed by SLT	Monday 5 th July – Friday 9 th July (2.15pm deadline for requests)
'Results Day'	Further details to be released	12 th August