



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL
Ysgol Brenin Harri'r VIII

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Dear Parent/guardian

Centre Determined Grades - Classroom based assessments
12 April – 28 May

As you are aware all schools in Wales in line with Qualifications Wales and WJEC guidance and protocols are determining and awarding GCSE grades for Year 11 students this summer. These grades are called Centre-Determined Grades (CDGs) and are generated using a range of assessment evidence. Class based assessments adapted from past paper questions by the WJEC will contribute some of the evidence required to award CDGs.

The provisional timeline provided on the next page indicates when these assessments are planned to take place. Given the unpredictable nature of the pandemic, this schedule is subject to change, should circumstances require. During assessment weeks, students will continue to attend lessons as normal. Subject teachers will inform students exactly when their assessments will take place and what knowledge, understanding and skills will be assessed. Every student will be given a blank assessment timetable to record their class based assessments. Wellbeing Leader for KS4 shall talk students through how to use this and expectations for these class based assessments during assembly on Friday 26 March.

We are unable to provide individual assessment timetables as assessment times for each subject will vary from class to class. Students using their blank assessment timetable, will be able to note the date, lesson and duration of their own assessments. Their teachers will be sharing this information with them in a timely manner. We shall remind students to complete their timetable, however we would welcome your support so every child has a complete timetable to refer to prior to, and during, the assessment period.

All adapted past paper assessments will be carried out in classrooms under controlled conditions. Students will receive their entitlement to access arrangements. The assessments will offer students valuable opportunities to provide evidence of their knowledge, skills and understanding.

All assessments will be coordinated centrally to avoid students having numerous assessments on any one day. If a student is absent when the assessment takes place we will do all we can to accommodate absentees, within the time available, once they return to school. However it is important students, parents and guardians are aware the class based assessment period only extends to Whitsun half term.

Our school website now has a dedicated Summer Assessments 2021 information page. This includes our guidance document on Alternative Arrangements Assessment Approach for Qualifications in 2021 and advice and guidance on how to support your child through the class based assessment process.

Working together our aim is that all students feel supported through this process and secure GCSE grades they are proud of this summer.

Yours faithfully,

Elsbeth Lewis
Executive Headteacher

Mark Stockham
Head of school

Week Commencing	GCSE	
12-Apr-21	Applied Science Test 1 Biology Triple Maths Algebra Voc Engineering 11B&11C Religious Education (11y, 11z /Re2) (11y/Re3)	
19-Apr-21	Applied Science Test 2 Biology Double (Sets 1&3&4&5) Chemistry Double (Sets 2&3&4&5) Chemistry Triple Physics Double (Sets 1&2) Physics Triple English Lang Reading	Geography (11B) Geography (11A) History (11A) History (11B & 11C) Health & Social Care (11C) Health & Social Care (11B) Music Product Design
26-Apr-21	Applied Science Test 3 Biology Double (Set 2) Biology Triple Physics Double (Set 5) Drama	English Lang Reading Geography (11B) Additional Maths Paper 1 Maths Assessment 2
03-May-21	Biology Double (Set 1, 3, 4 & 5) Chemistry Double (Set 1 & 5) Chemistry Triple Physics Double (Sets 2 & 3&4) English Lang Writing Geography (11A) French List	Music Sociology Spanish List Welsh (11x1CH 2nd) Welsh (11x1CH) (1 st) Welsh (11z1/CH & 11z2/STP 2nd) Welsh (11y1/KCM & 11y2/STP 11y3(SM)/11y4(CH) 2nd) Welsh 1st Lang (11y2(STP))
10-May-21	Biology Double (Set 2) Biology Triple Chemistry Double (Sets 3 & 4) Physics Double (Set 1) Physics Triple Drama English Lang Writing Voc Engineering (11B) Voc Engineering (11C) Geography (11B)	Maths Assessment 3 Additional Maths Paper 2 Religious Education (11z/Re1 NEJ) Religious Education (11y/Re1 NEJ & 11y/Re3 HAB) Religious Education (11x/Re1 NEJ) Religious Education (11y/Re2 HJD) Religious Education (11z/Re2) Sociology Spanish Reading
17-May-21	Biology Double (Set 1, 3, 4 & 5) Chemistry Double (Set 5) Chemistry Triple Physics Double (Set 2) English Lit French Geography (11A) Health & Social Care	Product Design (11A & 11B/PD1/PD2) Product Design (11C VGP) Physical Education Sociology Welsh (11x1CH 2nd) Welsh (11x1CH) (1 st) Welsh (11y1/KCM & 11y2/STP 11y3(SM)/11y4(CH) 2nd) Welsh 1st Lang (11y2(STP))

24-May-21	Chemistry Double (Sets 2&3&4) Physics Double (Set 1) Physics Triple English Lit Voc Engineering (10B & 10C) French Geography (11A) Geography (11B)	History (11A) History (11B) History (11C) Maths Assessment 4 Sociology Spanish
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