



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL

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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 AS grades for Year 12 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.

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 AS grades they are proud of this summer.

Yours faithfully,

Elsbeth Lewis
Executive Headteacher

Mark Stockham
Head of school

| Week Commencing | AS Level | |
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| 12-Apr-21 | Chemistry AS Physics AS | |
| 19-Apr-21 | Biology AS Chemistry AS Geography AS Unit 1 Section A | Geography AS Unit 1 Section B Music AS Physics AS Law AS |
| 26-Apr-21 | Biology AS Chemistry AS Physics AS English Lit AS Unit Section A English Lit AS Unit Section B | Gov & Politics AS History AS Maths AS Further Maths AS Media Studies AS |
| 03-May-21 | Biology AS Test 2 (MHJ) Biology AS Test 2(JSS) Chemistry AS Law AS | Maths AS Psychology Sociology AS |
| 10-May-21 | Chemistry AS Physics AS Gov & Politics AS Media Studies AS | Music AS Product Design AS Psychology AS Sociology AS |
| 17-May-21 | Biology AS Chemistry AS Physics AS Geography AS Un2 Section A Geography AS Un2 Section B | History AS Maths AS Further Maths AS Media Studies AS Sociology AS |
| 24-May-21 | Physics AS Gov & Politics AS Unit1A Gov & Politics AS Unit1B Maths AS | Media Studies AS Psychology AS Sociology AS Further Maths AS |