

# West Monmouth School

Ysgol Gorllewin Mynwy



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Dear parents / carers,

As we have previously informed you, the message from Welsh Government remains that they are expecting examinations to go ahead as normal this year. However, they have also informed us that, if schools experience significant COVID-related disruption in the coming months, then they would adopt a contingency plan for year 11 assessments in summer '22. This contingency would follow the same model as 2021 requiring schools to determine pupils' grades based upon assessments set and marked by teachers in school. Last year, this approach resulted in pupils having to sit a very large number of assessments in a relatively short space of time which was inevitably very stressful for both pupils and teachers. We would like to avoid this situation this year and so **if** we are instructed to revert to centre-determined grades, teachers will be basing those grades on assessments which pupils have completed across the whole course of the year. It is important that pupils and parents are aware of this so that they can ensure they put their best efforts into all assessment tasks and particularly into the **mock examinations which will begin on the 18<sup>th</sup> November**. We are mindful, of course, that many pupils will have missed school-time due to contracting COVID 19 and this would be taken into consideration if teachers were required to provide centre-determined grades. As this year, however, schools would have to provide evidence to support the grades awarded. We would therefore urge all pupils to attend school as often as they possibly can and to work hard for all assessments to ensure that the outcomes are a true reflection of their ability.

We are expecting further guidance from the Welsh Government and WJEC next month as to the arrangements for a **possible** contingency approach to exams. and we will update you on this as soon as we get it. In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely

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