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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

On Friday (20th March) Qualifications Wales, the regulator for qualifications in Wales, released a statement updating us all on how qualifications will be awarded for 2020. The statement from Qualifications Wales may be accessed [HERE](#).

Qualifications Wales is currently working with our examination board, the WJEC, to determine exactly how teacher assessed grades will be calculated and validated. Qualifications Wales has clearly outlined that teacher assessed grades must be based on the overall qualification grade each learner is likely to achieve at the end of their course of study, based on their performance on a range of formative and summative assessments and on their overall commitment to their studies and ability in the subject. It is therefore advised that Year 11 and Year 13 students complete their courses to the best of their ability. The WJEC will be back in touch with schools in April when they will issue further guidance. Teachers are currently not being asked to calculate or submit marks and grades.

Information on Year 10 and AS unitised qualifications are also included in the linked communication. Year 10 and Year 12 students will need to complete their current courses to the best of their ability; once again we will receive further information on reviewed assessment and examination schedules in the near future.

Rest assured that all involved in the qualifications process, Qualifications Wales, WJEC, MCS and of course your teachers, are committed to ensuring that learners receive a fair grade for the skills they have developed and for the commitment they have shown to their studies over the full duration of the course.

I will continue to update you as we receive more information. Thank you for your ongoing understanding at this difficult time.

Stay safe.

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