



Mr Stubbs and Mrs Eyre  
**Awarding of GCSE Grades in  
2021**



## How will GCSE grades be awarded this year?

- Centre Determined Grades (CDGs)
- A range of assessment information from the past, present and future.
- Not the same as Centre Assessed Grades last year:
  - No algorithm
  - Not a prediction





## Which subjects will be awarded using CDGs?

- GCSEs which will be 'cashed in'.

### Year 10:

- GCSE Mathematics\*
- GCSE English Literature

### Year 11

- All GCSE qualifications
- Position on vocational subjects still not clear

# How will students know what counts towards their CDG?



- Students will not be assessed on anything we have not taught the year group.
- We will use QMAs and other assessment information we already have.
- We will continue to develop students' knowledge and skills – focus on continued Teaching and Learning.
- We will continue to assess students until they leave school.



# How will students know what counts towards their CDGs?



- An Assessment Plan will need to be submitted to outline how grades will be awarded in each subject.
- This Centre Assessment Plan will be quality assured by WJEC.



# How will students know what counts towards their CDGs?



- Each CDG will come from a range of evidence which will allow students to demonstrate the grade they are working at.
- WJEC will publish assessment materials, which we will make use of.
- A range of evidence will be used, and may include:
  - QMAs
  - trial exams
  - NEAs
  - classwork
  - adapted WJEC assessments





## How will you make sure this is fair?

- Centre Assessment Plan will need to be agreed by WJEC.
- There will be a very robust moderation process that will involve:
  - Internal subject moderation
  - Moderation by senior leaders
  - Moderation across schools facilitated by senior leaders across schools
- Centre Assessment Plan will be published and shared with students and parents.



# Do I need to continue to access my lessons from home?



- Teachers will be continuing to teach the key concepts that students will need in each subject to:
  - Prepare them for further study in the subject
  - develop the knowledge and skills students will need in the future
- Part of your CDGs from each subject will come from the teaching and learning that will continue until you leave.
- It may be that assessments take place online/virtually.
- We want to give students every opportunity to develop their skills and demonstrate them to their teachers – so that students get the grades they deserve.

**'I will try in the real thing.'**



## What about practical subjects?

- We know that it is not possible to complete practical work at the moment.
- You will not be disadvantaged because of this.
- We are awaiting details of how vocational qualifications will be awarded this year: Engineering, Events, Hospitality, Tourism, Sport.



# Worried?

- Missed QMAs
- Haven't been trying my best up until now
- Feeling stressed/anxious/struggling?





Issues at home?

Scared and need help?

Worried about something?

Feeling stressed?

No one to talk to?

**It's ok, we're here to support you!**

If you need a little help, just drop us an email

**support@elfed-hs.flintshire.sch.uk**

and scan the QR code

Emails will be checked through the school day and will be shared with the member of our team best suited to offer you help and support.





## Key messages...

- ✓ Students have been working excellently at home.
- ✓ We have lots of evidence of excellent achievement already.
- ✓ Students still have time to demonstrate their learning and skills.
- ✓ The focus will be on continued learning, supported by ongoing assessment.
- ✓ We will continue to keep you informed as more information is published.
- ✓ We are here to help and want all students to excel.

