



# St. Joseph's RC High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

With regard to examinations, I understand that this is a very challenging time for you and your families. I would like to take this opportunity to share the latest information with you.

Qualifications Wales is the independent organisation responsible for regulating general and vocational qualifications in Wales. Qualifications Wales are working with the Welsh examination board, the WJEC, to come to a decision regarding how GCSE and A level grades will be awarded in 2020. They have stated that GCSEs and A levels will be calculated using a range of evidence to come to a decision about overall grades, such as marks achieved by pupils in previous internal and external assessments as well as teacher assessed grades. They will be prioritising GCSEs, A levels and the Skills Challenge Certificate over other qualifications.

Our teaching staff will be working in accordance with the guidelines, provided by Qualifications Wales and the WJEC, for providing fair and accurate teacher assessed grades. These grades will be based on the overall qualification grade each pupil was likely to achieve at the end of their course of study. The teacher assessed grades will not be based on one piece of evidence, such as progress examination grades, but will be based on a combination of assessments undertaken by the pupil during the course of their studies. The WJEC will then consider the full range of evidence and will undertake various processes to ensure grades are consistently awarded across Wales. This will lead to a final grade awarded to each learner.

There are currently no plans to award grades to Year 10 or Year 12 (AS level) pupils this year. They are exploring options which include the opportunity for these pupils to sit examinations in the next examination series in 2021. However, there are a number of points which still need to be finalised.

I fully understand what a stressful situation this is for you and your child and I assure you that I will keep you updated with information from Qualifications Wales and WJEC as it becomes available. In the meantime, we would encourage pupils to continue with their studies, completing the work that has been organised for them by their teachers on Google Classroom. It is vital that pupils continue to be engaged in their learning so that they can prepare for their future studies or employment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning, please encourage your child to contact their teacher through their Google Classroom so that they can be guided and reassured.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and your commitment to your child's education which has never been more important than during this very difficult time. As a community, we will work together to ensure that every child receives the rich educational experiences and qualifications they deserve.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Jarrett  
Headteacher

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