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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Contingency planning for summer examinations 2022

I hope this letter finds you well and I hope that you and your family have had a positive start to the new year. I would like to share with you some updated information regarding your child's external examinations which are planned for this summer.

Summer 2022 examinations

Currently, Welsh Government and Qualifications Wales are planning for a full summer examination season in 2022. While this is still the current policy, there needs to be a contingency plan in place in the event that the examination season cannot continue in the summer as planned.

Guidance from Qualifications Wales

Qualifications Wales have provided guidance on what will happen if the examinations cannot take place. I have outlined the key information below. All information is available on Qualification Wales' website which can be accessed [here](#).

If examinations cannot go ahead, schools will provide centre-determined grades (CDGs)

In the event that examinations cannot go ahead in the summer, schools will be asked to provide a CDG for each student, for each qualification. There will be one CDG for each subject which reflects achievement across the entire qualification. This year, schools can use assessments that form part of the teaching and learning programme in each qualification. Your child will be told which assessments may contribute to their CDG and when these assessments will take place so they can feel fully prepared.

Assessment planning for subjects

At present, your child's teachers are planning opportunities for your child to demonstrate what they know and what they can do at a number of different points throughout this term. It is very important that these assessments support the teaching and learning programme, helping to prepare your child for their examinations. However, it is also important that these assessments take place in controlled conditions so that they can then be used to support and evidence a decision regarding a CDG, if examinations cannot go ahead.

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Communication with students

It is absolutely vital that each student is aware which assessments could contribute to a CDG in the event that examinations cannot take place. Your child's teachers will share this information over the next few weeks.

Hopefully, the summer examination season will be able to continue and will provide an opportunity for our fabulous students to show what they can do. However, whatever the case, I will keep you updated regarding this important information.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. My email is: jmorgan@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Best wishes

J Morgan
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