



19th March, 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you may be aware, a decision has been made by the Education Minister to cancel this Summer's examination series. We appreciate the concern that this will cause and I have spoken with Year 11 students this morning. It was amazing to see their reaction to the news. They have shown themselves to be the mature and conscientious members of the community that we knew they would become. Unfortunately, the realisation that their time in school has come to a premature end is difficult for some to take.

We have tried to reassure the students that they will not lose out and as per the Minister's statement:

'Learners due to sit their GCSEs and A-levels will be awarded a fair grade to recognise their work, drawing on the range of information available.'

Awarding Bodies have been working together for some time to look at alternative arrangements.

These may include:

- using predicted grades;
- teacher assessments;
- looking at coursework;
- considering other evidence of candidate performance.

We have been told that more details will follow and we will keep you informed of developments.

I would like to thank you on behalf of Dyffryn, Cymer Afan and Ysgol Cwm Brombil staff for the support you have shown your children over the last 5 years of their schooling.

We will continue to work to ensure that their efforts are reflected in the results awarded in the Summer.

Yours Sincerely

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