



# St. Joseph's RC High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re Update from Qualifications Wales on summer 2020 approach to AS levels and Year 10 pupils in Wales

Following on from Welsh Government's announcement that all examinations due to take place in summer 2020 would be cancelled, today we have received information from Qualifications Wales specifically about how grades will be awarded to Year 12 (AS) and Year 10 pupils.

With regard to AS levels, as the AS examination results form a part of the full A level qualification, with A2 examinations taken in Year 13, it has been very important that a clear approach is decided upon. Qualifications Wales state that the Education Minister 'has today decided that learners who were due to sit their AS examinations this year will not be required to take those exams at a later date.'

Qualifications Wales state that this year, all AS students will receive an AS grade and there will be no AS exams until summer 2021. The grade awarded will be based on a range of evidence, including teacher assessed grades. These grades will not contribute to A level results in 2021.

In summer 2021, AS students will then have two options for their A level: they can **either** choose to only sit the A2 examinations with the A level grade based on their performance in those examinations **or** they can choose to sit both the AS and A2 examinations. If they choose to sit the AS examinations alongside the A2 examinations, they will be awarded the best grade from either route.

With regard to Year 10 pupils, any pupils who were due to sit examinations in the summer that would have led to a whole GCSE qualification being completed, will be issued a grade. This situation applies to GCSE English Literature which all Year 10 pupils were due to complete in summer 2020. Teacher assessed grades and other evidence will be used to calculate a grade. Alternatively, pupils will be able to choose to sit the Year 10 examinations in summer 2021 along with their Year 11 examinations. Whichever option a pupil chooses, they will be awarded the best grade from either route.

I hope that this information reassures you and your child that, despite the challenging times we are currently facing, your child will have the opportunity to achieve the grade they deserve.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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