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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update from Qualifications Wales regarding examinations in 2022

I hope that your child has had a positive start to the academic year, despite the challenges we continue to face as a community. Please be reassured that we continue to do all we can to support your child, and you, through what is a very important year, particularly with regard to your child's qualifications.

Year 10 students completing GCSE English Literature in summer 2022

As your child is in Year 10, they will complete most of their qualifications in 2023. However, as Year 10 students should be completing their GCSE English Literature in the summer term of 2022, it is important that you are aware of Qualifications Wales' plans for examinations in 2022.

Yesterday, Qualifications Wales provided an update for schools, for pupils and for parents/carers regarding their plans for examinations in 2022. To read their letter, please click on the link [here](#).

Qualifications Wales' plan for examinations in 2022

In summary, the letter confirms that Qualifications Wales is planning for an examination season in the summer of 2022. This means that students will sit examinations which will then be marked by the WJEC. They aim to ensure that results will 'reflect broadly a midway point between the results in 2021 and 2019.' They explain that this is to ensure fairness for all students, whether they completed qualifications before the pandemic, or in the future.

There have been some adaptations made to qualifications, to support students as their learning has been disrupted by the pandemic. Your child's English teacher will explain to your child what adaptations or changes have been made to the English Literature GCSE and the department will keep you, as parents/carers, updated.

Qualifications Wales' contingency plan in case examinations cannot go ahead as planned in 2022

In the letter, Qualifications Wales state that while they are planning for an examination season in the summer of 2022, they need to plan in case examinations cannot take place. They state that in this case, a similar system to that used last year would be used. This would mean that Centre Determined Grades (CDGs) would be used to determine your child's final grade for GCSE English Literature. Qualifications Wales state that more details about this process will be released should it be necessary to cancel examinations.

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Support from school

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at school with your questions, and we will do all we can to help. I will continue to keep you updated with the latest information regarding qualifications throughout this academic year.

As we approach the end of this half-term, I would like to wish you and your family a restful half-term break.

Yours sincerely,

J Morgan
Deputy Headteacher

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