



Dear Parent/Guardian

The end of this unusual half term has come, and I hope there will be an opportunity for all to relax and turn the screens off a little over the next week. Getting pupils to learn from home is not easy for you so thank you for your support as parents and carers.

GCSE / AS / A level assessment

The first guidelines for the assessment process have arrived but it lack much detail. One important message is the importance of ensuring that the work that contributes to their grades is the pupils' work is. We hope to be able to return to the school site and complete the assessment tasks with the children but if the work is done at home we will have to make sure that it is the children's work. Pupils will be required to sign a declaration to confirm that the pieces submitted are their own work, completed within the guidelines given.

Coleg Ceredigion Open Evening

Some year 11 pupils are currently making their plans for the future. Coleg Ceredigion holds virtual open evenings and details are below.

<https://www.ceredigion.ac.uk/index.php/en/about-mobile/open-days-mobile>

Activities

- The Cardi-laith Eisteddfod is holding competitions for children over half-term - details in the advertisement that came with this message or @cardiiaith.
- The Urdd runs a number of #hwylhannertymor fun activities- details in the advert that comes with this message.
- The Urdd has also published details of the summer Esiteddfod-T. There are many new and interesting competitions - see [Eisteddfod T | Urdd Gobaith Cymru](#)

Use of mobile web connection

Some pupils use a web connection via mobile phones as there is no broadband connection available in their areas. The government intends to offer support to families in this situation. I attach the message below.

“The Welsh Government has been in discussions with 4 major Mobile Network Operators (MNO) to try to upgrade data for digitally excluded families.

1. This scheme will increase the mobile data allowance for either the parent / carer of the learner, or the learner account if deemed appropriate, where the individual has an existing account with the MNOs (which meets with its preconditions - see below).
The current deadline for this scheme is **31 July 2021**.

2. The Mobile Network Operators willing to upgrade data are;
BT mobile, EE, Three, SMARTY

3. WG is currently in discussions with these operators and it's only a matter of time until they are part of the scheme);
Vodafone, O2 Mobile, Sky, Virgin, Tesco Mobile.

Conditions

Operators will check whether the identified homes are already receiving domestic broadband services and if so, data upgrades will not be applied.

BT&EE - Families will have to be a customer for at least 3 months.

(Although discussions with Vodafone remain one of the stipulations is that PAYG customers will have to make a minimum payment of £ 10 via top up monthly).

(Although discussions with O2 Mobile remain one of the stipulations is that families have been a customer for at least 6 months)

4. Digitally excluded families can apply for a data upgrade by completing this form;

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uq4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k5kKi6E0tztNIMtypngM_GBUQIZCSVZPSFJXUkVFNjBWNFdVR1BQRTJXTi4u

5. The council securely send the results to Welsh Government. **Mobile Network Operators have the final decision and will contact the account holder directly to confirm if the upgrade has been applied.**

I hope everyone remains healthy. Remember we are here to respond to questions or comments. You can contact us at enquiries@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk .



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