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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Following this week's announcement by the Welsh Government Education Minister Kirsty Williams, the school will close today, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March for the foreseeable future.

In order to prepare for the period of school closure, we have have put the following in place:

- Provide "Show my Homework" details and HWB Cymru login details to all pupils
- Provide lessons / tasks on "Show My Homework" in order to continue your childs' learning and reflects his/her timetable
- Provide instructions on how to access the work.

In addition, Ceredigion County Council has also provided a page on their website with information on useful websites and apps:

<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/digitalresources>

<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/adnoddaudigidol>

The Council has arrangements in place for parents who work in the emergency services, care homes or domiciliary care to register their childcare needs. Free childcare will be made available for these groups of parents at various locations throughout the County. Information has been sent to you today in an e-mail and via the school's social networks.

<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/childcare-for-key-workers/>

<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/preswylwr/gofal-plant-i-weithwyr-allweddol/>

### **GCSE and A-Level Examinations Summer 2020 For Years 10,11,12 and 13**

No GCSE and A-Level external exams will be held for pupils in years 10,11,12 and 13. We have received information today from Qualifications Wales that grades for GCSE and A level qualifications in 2020 will be calculated using a range of evidence. They will be based on a combination of factors which may include marks for work completed to date, for example AS results for A level grades, and standardised teacher assessed grades.

Teacher assessed grades will be based on what teachers would expect a learner to achieve at the end of the course. They need to represent a fair, reasonable and carefully considered judgement of the most likely grade that might be achieved in normal circumstances. This is a professional judgement based on the combined assessment information held for that learner and will be a holistic judgement rather than focusing on a single source of evidence like mock examinations. These are not target grades or aspirational grades and are not related to performance measures, which have been suspended for this year by Welsh Government.

By the same token, Qualifications Wales are not planning to issue grades for AS Levels or for unit assessments taken by Year 10 learners. For those learners, they are looking at a variety of options including the opportunity to sit exams in subsequent exam series. They will share more detail on those plans as soon as they can and we will keep you informed.



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Qualification Wales are still considering the fairest way to issue grades for learners who are studying qualifications other than GCSEs and A Levels. Most vocational qualifications are offered across the UK, so they are working with fellow regulators, exam boards and

governments across the UK to ensure consistency. They will share more detail on those plans as soon as they can and we will keep you informed.

For more information, please see today's statement issued by Qualifications Wales:  
<https://www.qualificationswales.org/english/coronavirus/issuing-grades-for-qualifications-summer-2020/>

It is a cause of great sadness that we may not be able to bid farewell to years 11 and 13 in the usual way following the unprecedented events of recent weeks. We hope to see many of our year 11 pupils return to us for the Sixth Form, and we wish every success to those who are taking different paths. We also send our best wishes to those year 13 pupils who are leaving us for further education or employment, and sincerely thank you for your valuable contribution to the school community throughout your time with us. Hopefully, we will have an opportunity to bid you all farewell formally in due course.

As a community and a nation, we are facing a difficult, complex and unprecedented period.

Take care of each other and keep safe.

Thank you for your co-operation and patience.

Sincerely

Rhian Morgan  
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