

# Ysgol Harri Tudur Henry Tudor School

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Dear Y10 Parents/Guardians,

## Exams Update

We hope that you are all staying safe and well and looking after one another. Firstly, please accept my congratulations for the hard work and efforts from pupils and parents in engaging with our online and blended learning. Although not a new experience, we understand the challenges of completing schoolwork at home and appreciate your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's learning.

I am sure by now that you are aware of the recent decisions relating to assessment arrangements for GCSE, AS and A level grades this summer. Here at Ysgol Harri Tudur, just like in every other secondary school and college across Wales, we are beginning to modify our planning in order to be ready to align with the detail that will emerge from the Welsh examinations body (WJEC) over the coming weeks. However, at this early stage following the announcement, I am writing to inform you how it will affect pupils in Year 10.

- There will be NO external assessments or examinations for pupils in Year 10 who are studying GCSE subjects this summer.
- Non-examination assessments (NEA/coursework) which are integral aspects of many courses are still important and pupils must continue to complete these to the best of their ability.
- Pupils must still engage with tasks set online as best they can, considering the circumstances.
- It is expected that subject content will be reduced moving into Year 11 to allow for the face to face teaching time that has been lost.
- It is not yet clear how final grades will be determined in summer 2022, but we are planning for examinations to take place as usual in summer 2022.
- It is not yet clear but we anticipate pupils will have the option to take the examinations planned for the end of Year 10 in summer 2022 instead.

The WJEC (the examination body in Wales) has been tasked with developing assessment frameworks for current Y11,12 and 13 pupils. We do not anticipate any further information relating to Year 10 pupils until much later this year, but we will keep you informed when we know more.

Please be assured that every member of staff at Ysgol Harri Tudur has the best interests of our learners at heart and are continuing to prepare and deliver high quality online learning activities and lessons during this period of lockdown. Our priority as ever, is the wellbeing, health and safety of our learners. I am proud of the exceptional individuals we have in our school and I hope they are using this time wisely; to look after loved ones and try to stay positive in these unusual and unprecedented times.

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Please continue to work with us to support and encourage your child to do their best.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's mentor or subject teacher.

Yours faithfully,



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