



August 2020

Year 10/11 Examination Results – Summer Series 2020

Following the announcements from governments and regulators in Wales, England and Northern Ireland on the 17th August regarding the summer 2020 results, here's a reminder of the current situation regarding exam grades this year and the processes involved.

The teaching staff have spent considerable time looking at the evidence available to provide a likely grade for each subject studied. This is known as the Centre Assessed Grade. (CAG). These were uploaded to the exam board (in most cases the WJEC) back in June along with a rank order of students' abilities in each subject. CAGs have not just replicated the "mock" grades, but have used all our previous expertise alongside ALL available evidence.

Prior to submission to the exam board, CAGs were subject to a rigorous checking and moderation process which involved:

- Teachers used all available evidence for students (including prior attainment data, coursework, internal assessments, classwork and homework) and professional expertise to provide the initial CAG
- CAGs were then checked, moderated and ranked across each subject with teachers of other groups and the Subject Leader/Learning Manager
- CAGs and rankings were then checked again by the Senior Leadership Team before being finally submitted to the exam board.
- The exam board then applied a 'standardisation' process which used data they already have on a student including previous performance in examinations/assessments, alongside the previous performance of the school to adjust these grades so as to ensure that similar numbers of grades are awarded this year as with previous years. Therefore, the exam board may either have changed the CAG up or down to create a 'calculated grade'
- Students will now receive **the best grade** out of their 'calculated grade' or Centre Assessment Grade in each subject.

Qualifications Wales and WJEC websites have the latest information to explain how grades have been awarded this year and the standardisation process. Please use the links below to access these (these can also be accessed via the school website):

<https://qualificationswales.org/english/results-2020/results-day-faqs/>

<https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/summer-results-2020-everything-you-need-to-know/latest-updates/>

Contacting the school and the Appeals process

If you have any queries with your results, or wish to resit, please contact Mrs Wendy Hinchcliffe (Exams Officer) at wendy.hinchcliffe@castellalun.flintshire.sch.uk **as soon as possible**. If you would like to discuss the awarding of your grades please contact Mrs Gail Davies (Acting Deputy Headteacher, who oversees examinations and assessment) at gail.davies@castellalun.flintshire.sch.uk who will be happy to help. You can also make an appointment to come in and talk to Mr Kevin Davies or a member of the Senior Leadership Team by calling us on 01978 760238 or emailing reception@castellalun.flintshire.sch.uk between 8am and 4pm on Results Day and the following day (Friday 21st for Yrs 10/11).

We are awaiting confirmation on the changes to the process and grounds for appeal from Qualifications Wales and will provide further information at the earliest opportunity. WJEC will also be updating their website (above) with the latest information.

Please note that the statement of examination results (GCSE, GCE and the results of other Level 1/2/3 qualifications) received on Results Day is not your final Certificate. Your certificate(s) will be available for collection in December – more details to follow. *Results may be subject to amendment through the appeals process.*