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Dear students/parents/carers,

I am writing to you to give you the most recent update regarding the award of qualifications 2022 and to provide information on where further support and guidance can be found to help students prepare for these qualifications. Welsh Government have given the strongest indication yet that examinations will take place this summer as planned. Therefore, as a school we will continue to prepare for exams as we have done all year by delivering lessons aligned to the revised and altered specifications for GCSE, AS and A Level, adapted by WJEC to recognise the disruption to learning that has occurred as a result of the pandemic. We welcome the decision by Qualifications Wales to adjust grade boundaries to also take into consideration this disruption to learning.

We recognise that taking examinations can be a stressful and difficult time for students especially given they have had a little less practice in an exam environment than we all would have liked. To support students, we will over the coming months:

- Provide students with subject specific advice and feedback on their strengths and weaknesses in their subjects and provide students with support and resources to help them close those gaps in the lead up to exams.
- Have a second round of mock exams at the end of the Easter half term, some of which may be 'walking talking' mocks. This will help improve examination technique and indicate to teachers where gaps in knowledge and skills exist, so lessons and interventions can be carefully tailored to individual needs in the lead up to the commencement of exams in May.
- Launch a revision section of our website where information, advice and video tutorials can be found to support students in revision for the exams. The link to this new section of our website can be found here.

In addition, I would like to offer support to parents/carers in helping your son/daughter through their preparation for exams with a unique online package with practical advice on how you can help. Help Your Teen to Learn is a complete support package for parents of children aged 13 to 16. It could also be useful for parents with children over 16. Hosted online, the programme includes a full suite of HD videos, a set of practical guides sharing over 50 strategies you can use to support your teen's learning. Created and presented by Mike Gershon, a bestselling author of over forty books on teaching, learning and education, Help Your Teen to Learn includes creative resources to stimulate student's imagination and support their revision.

The programme is free to parents of teens across North Wales. Visit www.gwe-helpyourteentolearn.com, select your preferred language and enter our school coupon code at the checkout to make the programme free to access. Further details can be found on our school website in the newly launched revision section which you can access by clicking [here](#).

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We will continue to support all of our examination groups with revision advice and support in lessons and hope we can work together in achieving the results required for students to move onto the next phase of their learning in the future, whatever the path they choose to take.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a small, light-colored rectangular piece of paper.

Mr. A. Boyd
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