



Mobile phones

Please note that pupils are only permitted to use mobile phones during lessons with the express permission of their teachers and for a specific teaching and learning activity. Members of staff will be reminding all pupils of this requirement. Confiscation of phones in cases where pupils breach this rule is only ever carried out as a last resort and we wish to avoid this. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could reinforce this message at home.

Qualifications 2021 - Centre Determined Grades (CDG)

Students in Years 10 (GCSE English Literature only) 11,12 and 13 are continuing to work through various assessment tasks in order to produce evidence to allow Centre Determined Grades to be awarded. Indeed, during next week many students will be in a position where they will have completed all assessments which will be used to enable CDGs to be awarded.

In last week's Parentmail update, we informed you that, "In the timeline of CDG activities sent to you previously, we advised that the teaching, learning and assessment window would run up to, and include, Wednesday, 26 May 2021. At this time, all assessment activities will have been completed. Therefore, Years 11 and 13 will not be required to attend school after this date. Year 12 students will not be required to attend school from this date until **21 June 2021**, when they will return to resume their AS/ A level studies."

In our original assessment planning, the weeks beginning the 17 May 2021 and the 24 May 2021 were scheduled to be used by most subjects to deliver final assessment lessons or "mop up" sessions in the event of disruption to the assessment window due to Covid-19. However, thankfully, we have experienced only minimal disruption to lessons and assessments due to Covid-19 since examination year groups returned to school before the Easter holidays. This means that many students will have completed all assessment activities before 26 May 2021. As a result of this, please see arrangements, for students in Years 11, 12 and 13, for the next two weeks.

1. Wednesday, 26th May 2021 is not a "leavers' day". This is the last date set by the school for assessment completion. There is no official leavers' day and there are no leavers' activities planned, due to continuing Covid-19 restrictions.
2. From the 17 May 2021, students should only attend school if they still have assessment lessons or assessment preparation lessons.
3. If a pupil does not have assessments on a particular day - and does not have any lessons where they are required to prepare for a further assessment – he/she does not need to attend on that day.
4. If a **Year 11** student is in school for an assessment, or for an assessment preparation lesson, they must be present in **all** lessons for that day. (This does not apply to Year 12 and Year 13 students). Year 11 students are not 'free' to only go to assessment lessons and spend the rest of the time out of lessons, for example, in school break out areas or in the canteen, etc. The only exception to pupils not being present in all timetabled lessons is if a parent notifies the school that their child/children is/are being collected or returning home after an assessment. Pupils in Years 12 and 13 can leave the site if they do not have assessments or assessment preparation lessons.

As we outlined last week these arrangements are necessary as this year formal external examinations have been cancelled. Therefore, teachers are acting as: assessment designers; assessors; examiners; invigilators; markers; standardisers; moderators; quality assurers; and, grade awarders. These are all tasks that would normally be carried out by the exam boards. As such teachers will need to complete all of these activities before provisional grades are released to students, in most subjects, on 16 June 2021.

To put this in context, during a "normal" year, students would cease to attend regular lessons and embark on their external examinations as outlined below.

- Year 11 end of the first week of May.
- Year 12 and 13 end of the second week of May.
- Year 12 students would resume lessons in the first or second week of June.

This year, although students have been affected by the winter/spring lockdown, most kept up to date and made progress with their learning whilst working at home, through the school's remote learning provision.

We wish all families a pleasant weekend.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School Senior Leadership team.