



Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

Cymuned Ddysgu Ebwy Fawr

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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 Students

Results' Day Thursday 20 August 2020

We miss you! The memories of school closing on Friday 20 March 2020 are etched clearly in every teacher's mind at Ebbw Fawr. It is a huge regret that we were not able to prepare you to sit your GCSE examinations and, following that process, say our goodbyes in the traditional Ebbw Fawr way. We still talk about the way our students put on a brave face in response to the shocking news, that Year 11 public examinations had been cancelled. We have genuinely been so impressed with your attitude and commitment shown throughout this period and throughout your years of study at Ebbw Fawr; you are a credit to yourselves, your parents and carers, and lastly our school - we have loved having you around for the last five years!

Since March, the school has followed the procedures set out by Qualifications Wales for generating centre assessed grades and uploading this data to the examination boards. Teachers used their professional knowledge and understanding of their students' work, as well as a wide range of evidence, to estimate students' performance, had they been able to finish their courses and sit examinations, as normal. Teachers did not generate students' final grades because this part of the process is completed by the examination boards. The process of national standardisation is taking place, now. Following its completion, the examination boards will produce the final qualification grades to be issued to students on Thursday 20 August 2020.

We have thought long and hard on how to disseminate results in the current climate and we feel that it is important that our school continues to provide students with their results from the school itself, albeit with social distancing measures. This means that the number of students and their time spent in school will be regulated, so that we take responsibility for the health and safety of both adults and young people on site and in the public area at the front of the school. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to bring friends and family members to collect examination results.

Arrangements on the Day

Student results will be available from 9.00am on Thursday 20 August. The main reception area will be used as the entrance point and students will be split into groups alphabetically based on their surnames. There will be a window to collect results of 1½ hours from 9.00am. Results not collected will be posted out to learners. However, we look forward to seeing as many students as possible on that day.

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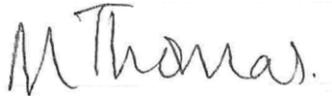
If students have any concerns about the grades they receive on results day, they should immediately speak to Mrs Jones, Leader of Learning for Year 11, Dr Reasons, Assistant Head of Key Stage 4 or myself as Head of School to decide how to proceed. Additionally, we have arranged with Coleg Gwent for support staff to be available on results day at the college. These staff can offer advice and guidance to our students on their next steps. Our Career's Officer will also be on hand to provide advice for those that may need it.

We would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation and support with abiding by the arrangements for results day to ensure we can comply with social distancing guidelines.

If you wish to discuss any information in this letter, or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school telephone number or my email address mthomas@ebbwfawr.co.uk. Finally, we would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer and we would like to wish all of our Year 11 students every success with their future plans.

Please keep in touch to share your future journey with us.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mrs M Thomas