

Awarding Process and Timeline: Rhydywaun 2021

February – March 2021

Departments will map the assessment opportunities that have already taken place during the course as well as additional opportunities before the summer for learners to demonstrate their skills and understanding.

Departments will share this information with learners before Easter.

*Only tasks and work set and assessed by **teachers from Rhydywaun** will be considered as part of the learner's evidence.*



March – May 2021



Learners will continue to demonstrate their skills and understanding and add to their subject evidence.

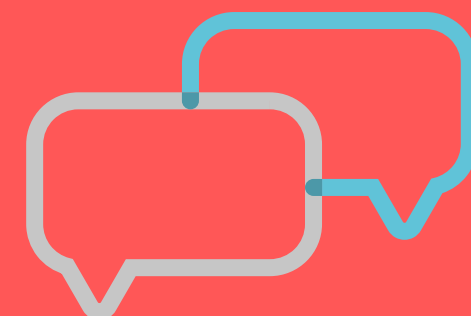
Teachers will assess tasks according to departmental guidelines and quality assurance processes will take place.

Subject teachers will liaise with parents / carers as necessary to report underachievement.

The school's Senior Leaders will complete whole-school quality assurance processes.

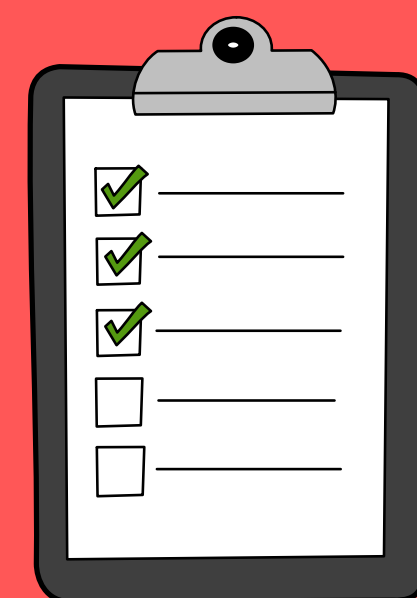
30 April 2021

Progress Report 2 will be collated and verified for learners and there will be another virtual parents evening to discuss progress (date to be confirmed). This progress meeting replaces an end of year written report.



7 – 14 June 2021

Departmental quality assurance and grading processes will continue. The school's Senior Leaders continue to complete whole-school quality assurance processes.



14 – 18 June 2021

Progress Report 3 will be released to learners which will include learners' provisional Centre Determined Grades (CDG).

16 – 18 June 2021

A window will open where learners can request a review of grades if it is thought that the grades given are unreasonable or valid processes have not been followed in school.

Please note that a grade could increase or decrease following a review.

Senior Leaders, Governors and Cyfleoedd+ (partnership of schools) will be part of the review process.

Review outcomes will be shared with learners by July 2 and then all provisional grades will be submitted to the relevant Awarding Bodies.



AUGUST 2021 – RESULTS DAY

10 August 2021: A2, AS and Level 3 qualifications

12 August 2021: GCSE and Level 2 qualifications



AWARDING PROCESSES YR II, I2 & I3 Summer 2021

INFORMATION VIDEO <https://youtu.be/w44AMftMdl8>



Frequently Asked Questions

How are you going to decide my child's grades?

The video (link and QR above) outlines how departments and teachers will determine your child's grades. Teachers will consider a portfolio of evidence that includes pieces of work already completed and other tasks that will be completed before the summer. Teachers will follow guidelines from WJEC and the other Awarding Bodies and a number of quality assurance processes are in place to ensure fairness for all learners.

What work will count?

Teachers consider a variety of tasks when determining grades. These tasks may include previous work, practical work, class and homework tasks, oral work, work completed Learning at Home, tests, independent work and teacher-controlled assessments.

Will my child sit lots of tests?

In many subjects pieces of evidence have already been collected and there will be further opportunities before the summer to add and improve to their subject evidence. Many tasks will be integrated into classroom tasks which will be integrated into the usual schemes of work. In some cases, there will be teacher-controlled assessments. Teachers will give learners plenty of notice and will advise how and what to revise.

Will my child be able to redo tests and tasks?

Learners may have the opportunity to repeat similar tests or tasks in some subjects. Teachers will give your child more details on this.

My child is entitled to 25% additional time or has access arrangements for examinations and assessments.

Teachers are aware of exactly what access arrangements individuals are entitled to within the school. If teacher-controlled assessments are taking place, teachers and departments including the ALN Department will ensure that all these needs are met, in accordance with the policy.

How can I find out my child's current situation?

Parents and guardians have already received Progress Report 1, where teachers indicated whether or not learners were on track to reach their predicted grades. There was also an opportunity to discuss learners' progress at the virtual parents' evenings held in March.

Over the coming weeks teachers will indicate on ClassCharts or send letters home if learners are not working as expected. It is therefore vitally important that we have the correct contact details for parents and guardians and that you are logged into your Parent / Guardian account on ClassCharts. If you need a new ClassCharts code, please contact Mrs Alison Roberts at the school office - alisonroberts@rhydywaun.org

After 30 April we will send out Progress Report 2. The reports will indicate if learners are on track or not and there will be another virtual parents evening during this time to discuss progress. More details will follow. These additional progress meetings will replace full end of year written reports.

During the week of 14 June, we will be sending out Progress Report 3 and this will include provisional centre determined grades.

I'm not happy with the provisional grades, how can I appeal?

After receiving the provisional centre determined grades, a window will open for you to request an internal grade review. You will need to complete a form and include evidence supporting the grounds that the grade is unreasonable or that you believe that valid processes have not been followed.

Please note, grades could go up as well as down as a result of this review.

We will report the results of any reviews by July 2.

My child thinks their teacher doesn't like them. Will this affect the final grade?

The processes outlined in departmental and whole-school policies ensure that all learners are treated fairly and that the assessment process is fully transparent. Once learners' work has been marked by subject teachers, the assessments and grades will go through a process of departmental moderation. There will also be a process of verification by members of the Senior Leadership Team, as well as teachers and Senior Teachers from other schools. Miss Williams as Headteacher, will have to approve all grades before they are submitted to WJEC.

How can I help my child?

We are fully aware that this is a difficult time for parents and guardians as well as learners. We are always here for you as parents and guardians too, and please feel free to contact us at school if we could be of assistance.

There are many ways you can try to help your child during this time. These include:
Stay positive and try to encourage your child to make the most of the coming weeks

Make sure your child gets enough sleep and plenty of fresh air

Try to reduce the time they spend on mobile phones, the internet and computer games

Ensure your child attends school on a daily basis

Encourage your child to do the work needed at school and homework

Check ClassCharts regularly to check progress and details of any homework

What happens if my child has to self-isolate during this time?

If your child is at home having to self-isolate, teachers will provide learners with work through Google Classroom and in some cases invite learners to join the lesson live using Google Meet. In some cases teachers may ask learners to turn on their camera so that the teacher can see that they are completing tasks independently. If this is a problem (for example there is no camera on their device), Mr Arwel James needs to be contacted at school to arrange and we can arrange to loan equipment for the duration.

What happens if my child is ill during this time?

If your child is ill, this is a different situation to the above. If your child is not well enough to attend school then we do not expect them to complete work at home. It is the learners' responsibility to discuss with the teacher what and how to access the lost work once the learners return to school. Remember, you must let us know if your child is unwell and unable to attend lessons.

My child has a tutor outside of school. The tutor says that he / she is working at a higher level.

In accordance with the guidelines, when determining learners' grades, we will only take into account tasks set and assessed by Rhydywaun teachers.

When will my child finish school?

Assessment opportunities will be completed by May 28, 2021 for most learners.