GCSE Computer Science information
for year 11 learners and parents / guardians

As you are aware, all schools and colleges have now been notified that calculated grades are required in order for learners to successfully complete their year 11 qualifications and that no formal and externally marked assessments / examinations will be taking place.

The learners in this class have been continuing to work hard whilst online and we want to ensure that they receive the grades they deserve.

Since the WJEC announcement in January 2021, we have been working with the learners in line with **WJEC guidance (*please see below*).

The learners have completed all learning for Units 1 and 2 and are currently completing revision and assessment tasks. Unit 3 is no longer being assessed, but the skills have been covered during the course. Each assessment uses past paper questions and is based on a topic or a number of smaller topics. They take place on a weekly basis.

It is important that learners continue to attend all sessions and engage with the college in order to provide them with enough tutoring and support and to provide sufficient evidence to provide a fair and precise calculated grade for learners. We know how difficult this time has been for the learners and we do not want to do a disservice to them when they have been working very hard in difficult circumstances.

Below is the assessment timetable for the group. This has previously been shared with learners on Google Classroom:

Wk	**Assessments – Please attend all sessions.**
w/b 8th March	Unit 1: **Hardware (1.1) Assessment** using past paper questions. Revision

w/b 15th March	Revision Unit 1: **Logical Operations (1.2) Assessment** using past paper questions.
w/b 22nd March	Recap and Revision – Unit 1: Communication (1.3) HTML and Greenfoot Practice Catchup for anyone who has missed assessments. Homework: practice HTML, Assembly Language and Greenfoot
w/b 12th April	Unit 1: **Communication (1.3) Assessment** using past paper questions. Revision: Unit 1 Organisation and structure of Data (1.4)
w/b 19th April	Unit 1: **Organisation and structure of Data (1.4) Assessment** using past paper questions. Revision: Unit 1: Operating Systems (1.5)
w/b 26th April	Unit 1: **Operating Systems (1.5) Assessment** using past paper questions. Revision: Unit 1: Principles of Programming (1.6), Software Engineering (1.7) and Program Construction (1.8)
w/b 3rd May	Unit 1: **Principles of Programming (1.6), Software Engineering (1.7) and Program Construction (1.8)** **Assessment** using past paper questions. Revision: Unit 1: Security and Data Management (1.9) and Ethical, Legal and Environmental Impacts of Digital Technology (1.10).

w/b 10th May	Unit 1: Unit 1: **Security and Data Management (1.9) and Ethical, Legal and Environmental Impacts of Digital Technology (1.10) Assessment.** Unit 2: **HTML and Assembly Language Assessment** based on past papers.
w/b 17th May	Unit 2: **Greenfoot Assessment** using past paper tasks.
w/b 24th May	Mop up Session – **All assessments must be complete by this date.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to email or call using the following contact details:

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Yours Sincerely,
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**WJEC & Welsh Government Guidance

'Grades will be determined by their school or college based on an assessment of the learner's work.'

'Schools and colleges will be able to use a range of evidence to determine the grades to be awarded to their learners, including **Non-Examination Assessment elements**, **mock-exams**, and **classwork**. In addition, the WJEC will offer a set of adapted **past papers** which can enable schools to continue to assess learning within their teaching plans, providing extra support for teachers and learners.'

‘The deadlines and controls around non-exam assessment are being removed and it will not be moderated by the WJEC.’

‘However where possible we would continue to encourage schools and colleges to support learners to undertake some of their Non-Examination Assessment to continue to build learning and skills.’

The full Welsh Government statement from January 20th 2021 can be viewed here:

https://gov.wales/written-statement-update-general-qualifications-2021-0?utm_campaign=Approach%20for%20Summer%202021%20assessments%20-%20Jan%202021&utm_source=emailCampaign&utm_content=&utm_medium=email