Health & social care and childcare 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 their unit 2 project, but with relaxed rules, as listed below:

- The unit 2 project did not take place in college and under exam conditions
- Learners completed the task from home in lessons (online) and in their own time
- The set maximum time of 10 hours to complete the task was removed
- All learner research notes were allowed to be used by the whist the assessment / project was completed

Since Tuesday 16th of March, the learners have now started to study the remainder of unit 1 from last year. As per WJEC guidance, they will be required to sit a sample assessment paper to add to the calculation of an accurate overall grade.

It is important that where possible, learners continue to attend all sessions and engage with the college in order to provide the learners with enough tutoring and support and to provide tutors with 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 a list of important dates for year 11 health and social care and childcare learners:

Date	Event
Monday 29th of March 2021 9am-10:30am	**Extra optional** lesson covering exam / assessment question answering technique and basic revision of year 10 work. Easter break homework assistance will also be available during this time.
Tuesday 13th of March 2021 1:30pm onward	Year 11 lesson to go ahead **online.** This is to be the final time for online delivery.
Tuesday the 20th of April 2021 1:30pm onward	Year 11 learners to return to Coleg Cambria- Yale site for lessons
Tuesday 4th of May 2021 1:30pm onward (during lesson)	Practice / mock assessment (open book) - notes allowed in the session
Tuesday 11th May 2021 1:30pm onward (during lesson)	Actual unit 1 assessment
Monday 7th June 2021	Provisional GCSE health & social care and childcare results will be sent to year 11 learners

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