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Dear Head of Centre

Sharing provisional Centre Determined Grades

We are now at the stage in this year's alternative assessment arrangements when most of you are making and implementing plans for sharing provisional grades with your learners, as well as helping them understand their options in relation to the centre review process.

We are finalising plans for sharing high level information about outcomes with Welsh Government and others ahead of results days. Though you will know your overall centre provisional outcomes once you have submitted them to WJEC, we want to let you know that centres must not release any information about overall centre provisional outcomes ahead of results days. If you are asked for the data under a Freedom of information request, the use of the exemption under section 22 could be considered if the information was intended for future publication.

WJEC published version 3 of the Guidance on Assessment and Grading for Summer 2021, the week before half term. This version now includes information on all four parts of the external quality assurance process, including updated information on sampling of decision making records and the process following submission of provisional results. WJEC has also provided centre specific data packs to support consideration of centre outcomes. The guidance and data packs are available on the WJEC secure website.

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Cyber attacks

There has been an increase in [cyber attacks on the education sector](#) over recent months. There has been a particular increase in threats in the form of ransomware attacks, where malware can infect computers and prevent access to files unless a fee is paid. Such an attack could impact your ability to access important information needed to submit Centre Determined Grades this summer. Please make sure that your systems and anti-virus software are up to date and that staff are vigilant for any suspicious emails and attachments received. You can find further information from the [National Cyber Security Centre](#).

Important dates for July

By 2 July – centres to submit provisional centre determined grades, along with the Head of Centre declaration

By 20 July – centres to submit amendments to provisional centre determined grades to WJEC

We have previously written to you about concerns for a small number of learners who could be in the position where they think their provisional centre determined grades will not secure them a university place. Though this might not be the case, please ensure these learners are identified for support and further guidance, as necessary. We have links to some areas of support that might be helpful on our website.

We wish you, your staff and learners well in these final stages of this year's process.

Yours sincerely,



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