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Dear Students and Parents,

This letter contains information for students sitting an Applied General qualification who were due to sit an external assessment in summer 2021.

The Department for Education and Ofqual, in conjunction with the exam boards, have reached the decision that Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) will be generated in replacement of the external assessment that would have been undertaken this summer. Therefore, we are writing to inform you of the process that will be carried out at New College to ensure fair and accurate grades.

How Unit Level TAGs Will Be Awarded In BTEC and CTECH Qualifications

All BTEC and CTECH students who would have sat an external assessment this summer will be required to complete an internal progression assessment that will replicate the actual assessment as closely as possible. The assessment period will take place from 24th – 30th June. All students will receive an individual timetable. The grade that is achieved in this assessment will be the minimum TAG awarded for this unit. In some cases, some subjects may have further evidence to justify a grade increase, such as results from the Cedar 4 assessment and this will be taken into account. It is worth noting that the Teacher Assessed Grade is for one unit only and not the overall qualification. A student's overall grade is awarded at the end of Year 13 and this will be made up on all unit grades achieved on the course, including the TAG unit.

How Unit Level TAGs Will Be Awarded In WJEC Qualifications

Criminology

The Unit 1 TAG will be based on the mark a student achieves in the Unit 1 Assessment which has been designed to replace the Controlled Assessment, originally scheduled for January 2021. The Unit 2 TAG will be based on the internal assessment taking place in June.

Medical Science

The Unit 1 TAG will be based on internal assessments, as students would have sat an external assessment in the summer.

Unit 2 and 3 TAGs will be based on controlled assessments that were carried out under supervised conditions in College.

UAL Acting and BTEC Dance

These students will be completing a performance & evaluation to enable them to progress into Year 13. The work will be graded as a pass or a fail.

How Unit Level TAGs Will Be Awarded In CACHE Childcare

The TAG for the external element of the CACHE course will be based on the mark the student achieves in an internal assessment which has been created to replace the controlled assessment set by the exam board.

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After Unit Level TAGs Have Been Awarded

The unit TAG awarded during the assessment period will be shared with students on Progression Day, **Thursday 8 July**. If a student is not happy with their unit level TAG for any reason there will be an opportunity for the student to sit the assessment again in the next external exam window which for most courses will be January 2022. Please note that the resit opportunity will be for an external assessment with the exam board and there will be fees associated with this.

I hope you find this information useful.

Kind regards

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