



## Updated appeals information for Centre Determined Grades (CDGs) Summer 2021

In the information that was posted on our website during March 2021, we published initial guidance on the appeals process relating to Centre Determined Grades that will be awarded this summer. It was made clear that this information was based on initial guidance provided by WJEC and that it was subject to change pending further guidance that was to be published by WJEC at a later date.

This further guidance has now been published by WJEC and due to deadline changes that have been made by WJEC, we have amended our dates with respect to appeals for this summer. This further guidance does not materially alter the appeals procedure itself, therefore the 3 stage appeals process that we published earlier this year is still applicable.

The changes to appeal dates are as follows:

### **Years 10 and 12**

**Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>** - Provisional Centre Determined Grades will be shared with learners and parents/carers.

Following the release of provisional grades on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, you will have the opportunity to request the **Learner Decision Making Record (LDMR)** for each grade awarded. The LDMR gives a breakdown of how the grade was awarded, along with a rationale as to how the final grade was reached. The LDMR can be requested via email from [jleyshon@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk](mailto:jleyshon@maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk) and **must** be requested by 9.00 am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. You will receive the LDMR by 3.00 pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

N.B. you must request a specific LDMR for **each** subject for which you require more information. After obtaining the provisional grade and the LDMR, the following 3 stage appeals process is available.

**Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Deadline for requesting a review of the grade awarded by the school. This **must** be made using a form that can be obtained by contacting the following address:

[Stage1appeals@maestegschool.co.uk](mailto:Stage1appeals@maestegschool.co.uk)

If a review of the grade is undertaken by the school and the learner parent/carer is not happy with the decision, then a Stage 2 appeal can be made to the WJEC. This appeal **must** be made via the school on a form supplied by the school and cannot be made by the learner parent/carer directly to the WJEC.

**Please be aware that WJEC have stated that they will not consider a Stage 2 appeal unless a school review of the grade has already been undertaken within the deadlines set by the school.**

The school will need to collate evidence to accompany the Stage 2 appeal request form that will be submitted to the WJEC. **Therefore, any request for a Stage 2 appeal would need to be made to the school as quickly as possible.** Stage 2 appeal requests would need to be made to the following dedicated appeals email address:

[Stage2appeals@maestegschool.co.uk](mailto:Stage2appeals@maestegschool.co.uk)

The school requests that any Stage 2 appeals are made as early as possible. **Please note that this email address will not be monitored during the initial weeks of the school holidays which begin on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.**

Please note the WJEC **will not** accept appeals directly from learners or parents/carers.

If the learner parent/carer is still not happy with the awarded grade following an appeal to WJEC then a final Stage 3 appeal can be made to Qualifications Wales EPRS.



**Stage 3** - a request to Qualifications Wales for an Exam Procedures Review Service (EPRS) to review whether WJEC has followed the required procedures.

Full details of this appeals process can be found using the following link:

[file://mcsapp/staff/njones/Downloads/WJEC%20Guidance%20on%20centre%20reviews%20and%20appeals%20%20summer%202021%20\(5\).pdf](file://mcsapp/staff/njones/Downloads/WJEC%20Guidance%20on%20centre%20reviews%20and%20appeals%20%20summer%202021%20(5).pdf)

The school's review/appeals procedures can also be viewed on the school website via the following link:

<https://www.maestegcs.bridgend.sch.uk/project/summer-2021-assessments/>

**N.B. Please note that your child's teacher has been as positive as possible when awarding grades this year therefore following a review/appeal at all three stages, a grade is just a likely to be lowered as it is to be raised.**