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***Supporting bilingual
students in 2021!***

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How to help your students get their bilingual GCSE this year

” Ofqual January 2021 - “Students need grades to continue to the next stage of their education or training, or into employment. Grades must reflect what a student knows, understands and can do, and they must be widely understood and respected



What can we do now?

- **Students/parents** – encourage to work hard, developing skills & knowledge for next stage of students' learning
- **Teachers** - curriculum coverage, holistic judgement based on a range of evidence with clear guidance and assistance from exam boards
- Centre assessed grades awarded by the awarding organisations
- **Exam boards** – resources and sample question banks, what can be used as evidence. Guidance as to what each grade means this year



What does this mean for bilingual students?

- Fairness and flexibility
- Maximise potential of productive working relationships between supplementary schools and mainstream schools
- Role for designated exam centres to ensure there is a process which is accessible and affordable and accessible for pupils
- Role for exam boards to provide a process- assessment materials, question banks and robust yet proportionate quality assurance
- Speaking endorsement – NEA – a roadmap

