



27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear CFGS students and families,

### **Advice to Students and Families on the 2021 Exams**

You may be aware that the plans for the 2020/21 exams in schools in England are still due to go ahead. The Government has repeated that this is their intention. Given the uncertainty of this position for all schools, we have been working closely with the Local Authority to prepare for all eventualities such as:

- exams running as planned (with possible final concessions in the way of content / style of exam questions)
- use of CAGs (centre assessed grades)
- or a combination of exams and CAGs.

We are working with our teachers to make sure that all students continue to work hard with their classwork and homework, and to ensure that revision is taking place in readiness for all assessments and mock exams. Students and families need to be aware that in the event that the DfE and Ofqual move towards use of CAGs, schools will be asked to use 'evidence' to arrive at fair grades for students. The evidence is likely to be in the form of:

- assessments and mock exam papers
- substantial classwork and homework
- attainment data and predicted grades (that we publish on the progress reports)
- Any coursework / NEAs that are completed as part of the course.

With this in mind, teachers will keep copies of all assessments, mock exam papers and substantial pieces of work.

In the event that the exams do go ahead as planned, students will be well prepared for these by their subject teachers and our pastoral teams but we ask that all students, with the support of their families, ensure that they continue to work well in lessons, complete all homework to a good standard and commit to their own personal revision plan. We will keep you updated as to any developments with the exams.

We would like to thank our students for their continued commitment, and likewise thank our families for your support of the school. If you have any questions, please contact your daughter's Head of Year / Head of Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely,

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