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Exams Update for Families of Year 11 and Sixth Form Students: Calculated Grades

Dear parents / guardians,

Following the various news reports on the cancellation of the summer exams, we hope you will find the summary below useful:

- 'Calculated grades' will be determined for GCSEs and A Level this year. These will take into account a range of evidence for example mock exam results, non-exam assessments and predicted grades. The DfE have made it very clear that they will not only use predicted grades as these would not be an entirely fair measure. The DfE are keen to stress that calculated grades will be 'fair' and will carry the same weight as GCSEs and A Levels sat last year, and in future years.
- Ofqual are working with the exam boards to set out proposals that will then be discussed with bodies representing teachers.
- The DfE have also said they will look at prior attainment for example SATs results for Year 11 students, and possible GCSE results for Year 13 students, to help arrive at 'fair' qualifications.
- Students can appeal grades where they believe a fair process hasn't been followed, and students may be given the option to sit their exam(s) at a later date.
- Exam boards will provide schools with advice about coursework, NEAs and Vocational Qualifications.
- Universities have been advised to accept the calculated grades and to be 'flexible' when making their offers; any unconditional offers remain in place.
- The date of issue for the 'calculated grades' is to be confirmed but initial indications are the end of July.

As the responses to Covid 19 (the coronavirus) are ever evolving, we will continue to keep you updated as to any further developments in respect of the summer exams. Please keep an eye on our school website and the school's Facebook and Twitter accounts (@CFGSSchool).

We know that this is difficult time for all of our students and families, and this issue unduly affects our Year 11s and Year 13s. Rest assured that we will continue to update you on all new developments, and hope that you and your families remain safe and well in these turbulent times.

Yours sincerely,

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