



1st April 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Update on GCSE courses

Yesterday we received final guidance from the examination boards on how grades will be determined this summer. The key points are given below.

Grades for GCSEs will be based on teacher assessments, using the evidence available, for the content students have been taught.

Teachers will draw on a broad range of evidence to determine final grades including:

- Mock examination results.
- Non-exam assessments that students have had time to complete.
- Final assessments taken in class – Questions selected by their teachers from previous exam papers, and new questions provided by the examination boards, on the content students have been taught.
- Additional evidence – Other work students have completed or may be asked to complete for each course.

In the first week back after Easter, GCSE teachers will discuss with their students exactly how this will work for their course. They will share:

- **Content lists** so students know the content they will and will not be assessed on.
- Assessment **schedule** so students know when each assessment will take place.
- Whether students need to provide any **additional evidence** by completing work in class or for homework to support their final grade.
- How this **evidence** will be used to arrive at their teacher assessed grade.

The information for each GCSE course will be shared with students as a PowerPoint presentation and these will be available to view by parents and students on the school website by visiting www.cc-hs.com/2021exams from Monday 26th April.

The schedules will show final assessments starting the week beginning 10th May giving students three weeks after they return from Easter before they begin. Students are advised to **start revising** before then so they are well prepared for their finals.

To support this, teachers will provide structured revision in lessons and offer after school revision sessions, which students can sign up for by visiting www.cc-hs.com/revision.

If you have any questions about this then please ask your child to speak to their GCSE teachers or email office@cc-hs.com.

Yours faithfully,

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