

Dear Parents and Carers,

19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Re: GCSE results and moving onto Sixth Form/College**

We are looking forward to meeting the Year 11 students tomorrow to share their GCSE results with them. These are a testament to their hard work and perseverance over many years.

I wanted to take the opportunity to explain how their results were determined this year. As you know, this year's GCSE results had to be awarded differently from usual, after exams were unable to go ahead due to Covid-19. Schools and colleges were asked to use their professional experience to make a fair and objective judgement of the grades they believed a student would have achieved had they sat their exams this year, and to submit these centre-assessed grades (CAGs) to the relevant exam board.

Teachers and leaders in each subject worked together to discuss and agree the centre-assessed grade for each student. They took into account a wide range of available evidence, including class work, mock exams and other records of student performance. The policy that guided this process is available on the School's website.

The intention was that the exam boards would then moderate the CAGs, to check that schools and colleges had approached this task consistently, before providing students with their final calculated grades. Unfortunately, as you will no doubt be aware, the method they used to do this proved problematic, and was likely to lead to many grades being unfairly downgraded.

The government therefore made the decision that GCSE and A level students would be awarded whichever was higher for each subject – their CAG or their calculated grade. This is what the grades the students are receiving tomorrow are based on. If you have any questions with regards the results you should contact Mr Dilley at [dilleym@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:dilleym@cfbs.islington.sch.uk).

We hope that these grades will be sufficient for the students to move onto the next stage of their education. We will be running tomorrow the enrolment for the students joining our Sixth Form and we will also have a team available to support those students who still need to secure a place for the next academic year. This support will continue in the following days. If you have any questions in respect of courses for next year you should contact Ms Browne at [brownec@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:brownec@cfbs.islington.sch.uk).

If the students want to sit any of their exams, the current plan is for a full series of exams to take place in November. We do not yet have full details of how this will work, but please let us know if that is something you would like to discuss. Again you should contact Mr Dilley in the first instance.

With best wishes,

Mr Brownhill  
Headteacher