



7<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Centre Assessed Grades**

I thought I would write to you to clarify the situation regarding the cancellation of exams this year and the ongoing processes.

The teaching staff have spent considerable time looking at the evidence available to provide a likely grade for each subject studied. This is known as the Centre Assessed Grade. (CAG). These have been uploaded to the exam board (in most cases the WJEC) along with a rank order of students' abilities in each subject. I wanted you to know that we have not just replicated the "mock" grades, but have used all our previous expertise alongside ALL available evidence.

The exam board is now undergoing a process which will also use any data they have available on a student including previous performance in examinations, alongside the previous performance of the school to adjust these grades so as to ensure that similar numbers of grades are awarded this year as with previous years. Therefore, the exam board may either change the CAG up or down to create a final grade. The school will not receive these final grades until examination results day as normal.

### **Contacting the school and appeals**

The exam board has labelled any attempt to obtain or influence the production of CAG grades or the ranking as "malpractice", so please do not ask staff in school what grades have been submitted. We await to hear final details from the exam board regarding the steps that a candidate can take if they are unhappy with the final grade awarded.

### **Results Day (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August)**

We are still awaiting guidance on how this year's Results Day will work. We may need to email results out to students via their 'castellalunmail.com' email address but we will be on hand with individual appointment slots available on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August to congratulate or provide support if required (including Sixth Form advice). Please keep an eye on your email, Google Classroom, on the website and our social media where we will post the latest information before the day.

We remain committed to ensure that your son/daughter still receives the best advice and support possible, therefore please feel free to contact Mr Kevin Davies by email (kevin.davies@castellalun.flintshire.sch.uk) if you would like to talk any matter through.

Yours sincerely,

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