



20 April 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Centre Determined Grades Policy

We submitted our Centre Determined Grades Policy to CCEA on Friday 23 April. CCEA have stipulated that it is a subsequent requirement that all schools share it with their students and parents. St Benedict's College's CDG Policy is now available on the school website for you to peruse.

You will note that it is a rather long and wordy document so I am going to draw your attention to a number of key sections within it.

As you know your child is currently involved in assessments which will be used to generate evidence to support the grade awarded to your child. The Internal Assessment Schedule has been shared with you previously but is available on Page 22 of the Policy as Appendix 4.

Assessments are at this point scheduled up to and including 20 May. Year 12 students will hopefully be able to finish school on this date. We do plan to have a Leavers' Event of sorts, but it will obviously have to be in line with COVID restrictions. It is currently in the planning stage and we will provide you with more details as soon as we are in a position to do so.

It is important that you are fully aware of the evidence that we are going to be using to determine your child's outcomes. The evidence type selected by each Department can be viewed on Pages 6-7 of the CDG Policy. A more detailed breakdown of the evidence, including the content covered, can be viewed on Pages 20-21 of the CDG Policy (Appendix 3)

In exceptional cases (due to illness or special circumstances) where a pupil has been more significantly disrupted in comparison to his/her class and the agreed evidence is unavailable we will substitute the evidence identified with contingency evidence. Parents will be advised of contingency evidence to be used in these particular circumstances.

CCEA have provided schools with a power point outlining the approach they are expecting all schools to use to determine GCSE, AS and A2 grades in Summer 2021. As recommended we have adapted it to reflect the arrangements being put in place in St Benedict's College. I would advise that you take a look at it, again it is available on the website.

This is a new process for students, parents and staff. It is likely that you may have questions in relation to it. If you do, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

I want to conclude by thanking you for the obvious care and support you are providing to your child. We have been delighted by the efforts they have made, the positivity they have shown and the resilience they have displayed since their return to school. If we continue to work together and put their best interests at the heart of all that we do, I am confident that we can continue to manage this very challenging process successfully.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Catriona Mc Ateer

Principal