



## **Addendum to Exams Policy 2022 – correct 29.04.22**

The GCSEs in 2022 are still planned and prepared for, and should go ahead. However, there is a contingency that should exams be cancelled in full due to a Coronavirus outbreak, that Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) will be used to award GCSE grades again this Summer.

This document sets out, how The Cowplain School will collect evidence and generate GCSE grades for students in Summer 2022, if the whole exam series is cancelled.

### **How we decide a grade?**

- \* We are NOT predicting a GCSE grade.
- \* We are grading the best evidence of what students know, from what they have been taught.
- \* The best evidence we have is the student performance in the March 2022 mock exams, however it is expected that students are likely to have improved on that performance by the time of the exams.
- \* Teachers will use a range of additional evidence from throughout the course – completed work, mocks, homework, classwork, tests, walking talking mock approach.
- \* Evidence can come from throughout the whole taught course.
- \* Students should have every opportunity to demonstrate their best performance.
- \* The additional evidence will be used to justify an increase in the grades from the mock exam.

### **What do we teach for the remaining 7 school weeks?**

- \* With two weeks until the GCSE exams start, all classes are revising.
- \* Coursework will continue and be assessed; indeed most course subjects have submitted their coursework now.
- \* Art & Design is ONLY assessed on portfolio, for this year only.
- \* English language will still submit a separate endorsement for spoken language.
- \* Any exam special considerations must be made by the school.

### **Evidence for grade – should TAGs be used**

- \* Students will have the right to appeal their grade.
- \* We will share with students which work we used to arrive at their grade, but not give them their grade.
- \* We will collect folders of evidence, including the substantial pieces of work, for each child in each subject, should TAGs be required.
- \* Folders will be provided for each child, where needed. Electronic work will need printing off.
- \* Heads of Departments will moderate awarded grades.
- \* There will be an internal QA process – as has happened the last two years.
- \* Folders after moderation will be stored centrally.
- \* Agreed grade awarded will be signed by teacher and HoD / LM.

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*To be updated if exams are cancelled and we are instructed to award TAGs.*