



# Cardiff High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

From our previous communication, you are hopefully aware that we are planning a series of formal written mock examinations next half term, from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. These will make up our internal 'Winter Exams' series.

Our aim is to ensure that students gain experience of sitting formal exams, in exactly the same format as they will most likely be expected to in Summer 2022. We will be using the large exam venues, all usual exam rules will apply, and any students entitled to access arrangements will receive them. We are very aware that this may be an anxious prospect for some of our students, but we feel it is vitally important that they have this experience in order to help with that anxiety.

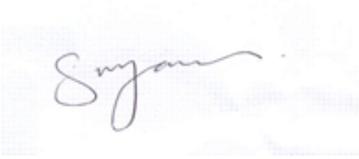
In the four weeks following half term, students will receive a comprehensive support package in school. This will include advice and guidance on revision approaches in terms of organisation and time management, and how to use the most effective revision strategies to support their long term learning. Students will receive subject specific revision guidance in their lessons and be guided through the expectations, protocols and 'exam rules' required. All of these key messages and resources will be made available on the school website.

Whilst the Winter Exams we hold at Cardiff High School will not 'count' towards A Level grades for exams sat in Summer 2022, in the unlikely event that those summer exams are cancelled, and we once again return to a Centre Determined Grades system, the results could be used as part of supporting evidence. It is therefore imperative that students approach these exams seriously and follow the advice and guidance that we are providing to support them to do as well as they can. Should a student miss an exam for any reason, they will be expected to sit it at the earliest possible time following their absence. Students will receive formative feedback and further guidance based on the outcomes of these Winter Exams from their subject teachers.

We are dedicated to supporting our students as they have now settled back into formal education and begin looking ahead to what they will do at the end of their studies. Our aim is to ensure that they are given every opportunity to succeed and reach their

potential this year, enabling them to progress to the next stage of their journey, whatever that may be.

Yours sincerely

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