



May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 10 GCSE Grading**

The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulator (OFQUAL) have announced that, following a consultation period, students in year 10 and below that were due to sit an examination this summer will be assessed and graded in the same way as the current Year 11 students. This will affect your child as they were due to sit the GCSE in English Literature in May 2020.

This means that between now and the summer your teachers of English Literature alongside senior leaders in the school will be working to agree the evidence-base to be used to calculate Centre Assessed Grades. The evidence will be holistic and not based on one single element.

At each stage of the process there will be discussions with a range of colleagues to ensure that the grades are representative of the grade each student would have been most likely to get if they had taken their exam in English Literature or another subject.

### **How will grades be calculated?**

As a school we will be asked for the following information:

- The grade we believe you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned
- Within the subject, the order of students at the school, by performance, for each grade.

There will be various factors that will be taken into consideration when producing the grades including your classwork and homework; your results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework you might have done; and your general progress during your course.

### **Can I see the grades my school/college submits for me?**

Ofqual have made it very clear that schools are not allowed to share any grades with students and students or parents should not ask schools for any grades that will be submitted.

### **Should I continue working through the English Literature work set by my teachers on Google Classrooms?**

You should continue to complete all work set until you have been told otherwise by your English teacher. Just a reminder, it is essential all work for all subjects is completed so that the gap in knowledge is minimal prior to you starting your year 11 studies.

For students with SEN, we will make our judgement assuming students had continued to receive any usual additional learning support, and where students have an agreed reasonable adjustment or access arrangement, we will judge the grade that these students would most likely have achieved if they had been able to sit their examinations with the intended reasonable adjustment or access arrangement in place.

For any further information regarding any of the above please don't hesitate in contacting the school and asking for Mr M Azum.

Yours faithfully

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