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Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Year 10,

In line with the Government's consultation proposal, they have decided that students entered for exams in year 10 and below will be eligible to receive calculated grades this summer. This follows the majority of responses received, which indicate that the progression of some students would be disrupted if they were not awarded a grade this summer, and to exclude them would have an unfair impact. As a result, the entries for Year 10 GCSE English Literature will proceed as planned.

The examination regulator (Ofqual) have provided the following information for students:

How will grades be calculated?

Your school or college will be asked to send exam boards two pieces of information for each of your subjects, based on what they know about your work and achievements:

- the grade they believe you were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned
- within each subject, the order of students at your school or college, by performance, for each grade. This information will be used to standardise judgements – allowing fine tuning of the standard applied across schools and colleges.

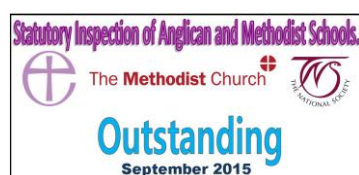
Your school or college will consider a range of things like your classwork and homework; your results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework you might have done; and your general progress during your course. This information will allow us, with exam boards, to standardise grades across schools and colleges, to make sure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged because their schools or colleges are more generous or harsh than others when making those judgements. That means the final grade you get could be different from the one your school or college sends to the exam board.

Do I need to complete any new work for my school/college to submit a grade?

Your school or college is not required to set additional mock exams or homework for your centre assessment grade, and you won't be disadvantaged if you were not set, or were unable to complete, any work given out after schools were closed.

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

No, this information will be confidential. Please don't ask your teachers, or anyone else at your school or college, to tell you the grades they will be sending to the exam boards or where they have placed you in the order of students; they will not be allowed to share this with you.



Some of the exam boards have also provided information for you and you can find this information via the following links to the relevant exam board websites:

- OCR www.ocr.org.uk/
- AQA www.aqa.org.uk/
- EDEXCEL qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html
- WJEC www.wjec.co.uk/

Students entered for GCSE English Literature should follow the link to AQA.

We hope that this will provide some reassurance to you that students will be awarded grades this summer and these will enable them to progress onto the next phase of their learning journey.

Whilst I am sure it goes without saying, we would like to state that we will not be able to enter into discussion about grades with either students or parents until these grades are published. If you do have any work, books, folders or coursework at home please keep these for now, just in case any of it is called for as evidence to support the awarding of student grades.

In the meantime, please continue to stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'S'.

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