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Dear Parents / Carers

Public Examinations 2020 – Centre Assessment Grades Year 10 GCSE English Literature

The Department for Education and Ofqual have now published the detail relating to arrangements for this summer's public examinations for GCSE, AS and A Level subjects. The awarding of vocational qualifications is still to be published. The link below provides an explanation booklet and a letter to students. Both of these are clear about how the grades will be calculated.

<https://www.gov.uk/government//gcse-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

Please take time to read this information so that you are familiar with the process.

The key message for Year 10 GCSE Literature students is as follows:

“We propose that exam boards should not issue grades to year 10 students (or lower year groups) as their progression will not be hindered if they do not receive a grade in summer 2020. We will consult on this proposal very shortly, and a final decision will be made before any data will need to be submitted.”

We feel that such a decision would be deeply unjust and would have a detrimental effect on our students. We will oppose this proposal vigorously. I have written to the Association of School and College Leaders to seek to mobilise their opposition to this approach and will also write to Ofqual.

I will update parents and students with any further news after Easter.

Year 10 pupils should continue to complete the work set by the English Faculty which is currently focussed on GCSE English.

I understand that this will be a very stressful time for you and your children however, please be assured that we have your child's best interests at heart and will ensure a robust, fair and equitable approach is followed by all staff, with further scrutiny from our school leadership team before reaching any final decisions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P A Ramsey', written in a cursive style.

P A Ramsey
Headteacher