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Dear Student

I hope that you are well and are looking forward to a restful holiday.

Ofqual released some additional guidance about the cancellation of GCSE examinations this morning. The information provided can be located by clicking on the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/87784/2/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf

To save you reading the entire document there is a small section on page 7 that refers to early entries. This section states the following:

“How will these affect early entrants?”

We propose that exam boards will not issue grades for students in year 10 or below (unless students have been officially moved up a school year), but we will shortly consult on this proposal. We realise that, if the final decision is to exclude year 10 and below students, this will be disappointing for those students, but our objective in awarding grades based on school and college judgements is primarily to allow students to progress to the next stage of their education, or to employment or training. Students in year 10 and below will have the opportunity to sit exams in future exam series. We will make a final decision and provide further information before any data needs to be submitted to the exam boards.”

In summary, you will not automatically be awarded a grade for the English Literature examination that you were due to sit this summer. They have yet to decide when the next opportunity will be for you to sit this examination. As soon as we have more information, I will write and let you know.

I therefore highly recommend that you utilise this time to continue studying for your English Literature exam so you are fully prepared once a new date is released.

Hope to see you all soon

Yours faithfully

Mrs K. A. Cooney

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