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Dear Student

I hope that you and your family are well.

Ofqual released some additional guidance about the cancellation of GCSE examinations this morning. They have undertaken a consultation regarding 'Calculated grades for students in year 10'. The information provided can be located by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-publishes-initial-decisions-on-gcse-and-a-level-grading-proposals-for-2020>

In summary they have now decided that any Year 10 students entered for examinations this summer **will** receive a calculated grade for English Literature. This is different from the information released on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.

This will mean that:

- As a school we will be asked to submit a grade for each year 10 student in English Literature. This must be based on the evidence that we have collated over the time you have been studying for your GCSE. This might be different from the forecast grades on your recent report.
- We will also be asked to rank order all students based upon the same evidence.
- The awarding bodies (exam boards) will then look at our suggested grades and standardise them based on the school's previous outcomes. We will therefore not know what grade you will be awarded until the results are released on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020**.
- Students will be able to appeal their results although details of this process have not yet been released.
- If students are still unhappy with their results, there will be the opportunity for students to take an exam in English Literature once schools reopen. Again, details of this have yet to be released.

It is due to the final point on this list that we will continue to provide work for English Literature. I strongly encourage you to use your 'student code' to log in to Class charts and use these activities to continue to study during the school closure. If you do not have a student code for class charts please email [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk). It is still unclear when schools will re-open but if you are not happy with your awarded grade then this time could be incredibly beneficial in preparing for a 'retake' if required.

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If you would like more information on the process that we will be undertaking, please refer to the following document:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/883150/Summer\\_2020\\_grades\\_for\\_GCSE\\_AS\\_A\\_level\\_guidance\\_for\\_teachers\\_students\\_parents\\_UPDATED\\_05MAY2020\\_FINAL.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/883150/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents_UPDATED_05MAY2020_FINAL.pdf)

I also would like to take this opportunity to highlight a specific paragraph from the Ofqual guidance ([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/878854/Letter\\_to\\_students\\_-\\_Summer\\_2020\\_grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878854/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf)) which states:

*“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.”*

This statement makes is very clear that we are not allowed to discuss with students or parents the grades that we will be submitting. I therefore ask you not to email teachers asking for this information. Teachers will be unable to reply to such requests.

Hope to see you all soon

Yours faithfully

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