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Dear Families,

Today Gavin Williamson the Secretary of State for Education, has written to the Chief Regulator at OFQUAL Simon Lebus, setting out his initial thoughts and consultation information around GCSE/BTECs this year.

The letter again confirms that there will be no GCSE exams this year and starts to suggest how evidence for Teacher Assessments **may** be created. This includes the completion of externally set short papers, and the creation of teacher assessments being delayed as late as possible in order for learners to still learn as much of the course as possible.

The letter states that the joint consultation is likely to open at the end of the week.

The consultation will be open to all teaching staff, parents/carers and learners to give their thoughts and feedback with regards to the summer series.

Once we have confirmation that the consultation has opened, we will communicate this out to parents and carers so you have the opportunity to take part if you or your child should wish to.

If you would like to read Gavin Williamson's letter in full you can do so by accessing the below link

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951797/Letter from Gavin Williamson to Simon Lebus.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951797/Letter_from_Gavin_Williamson_to_Simon_Lebus.pdf)

The reply from Simon Lebus can also be found by accessing the below link

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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

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