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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Year 10 GCSE English Literature**

I trust you and your family are well in these challenging times.

As you are aware, under normal circumstances your son/daughter would have sat their GCSE English Literature examinations this month.

This obviously hasn't been possible and leaves the Academy with two choices:

- (1) 'Claim' a GCSE grade for English Literature (this would be a 'teacher assessed' grade based largely on the mock examination grade achieved in March).
- (2) Give our students the opportunity to sit this examination as Year 11 in May 2021 alongside all their other GCSE's.

We have chosen option (2). We believe that basing a grade largely on the March mock exams, doesn't factor in the expected improvement that occurs during the peak performance months of April and May. In effect your son/daughter would have been penalised unfairly.

Consequently, your son/daughter will still be able to sit the AQA English Literature examination in May 2021. The other advantage of this is the potential improvement that can be achieved during Year 11, as your son/daughter continues to hone skills and knowledge in Literature alongside studying complementary skills in GCSE English Language. English lessons during Year 11 from September will therefore have dual focus, English Literature and English Language.

This decision was not taken lightly, but we feel it is the best one for your son/daughter. If you would like to discuss this decision further, please e-mail:  
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Yours faithfully,

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