



Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 10

You will be aware that GCSE and Vocational Qualification grades will be decided this year by Teacher Assessment rather than external examination. We need to be fair to everyone and only give grades where students have shown they have the right level of knowledge, understanding and skill. Final guidance will be provided by the Exam Boards in a few weeks but in the meantime, here is an outline of our approach.

What assessments will my child take?

- Year 10 students will be completing an assessment on GCSE English Literature. Students will be told what topics they will be assessed to complete the assessment.
- We will then create three or four assessments that will assess students' knowledge and skills in those areas. The assessments will take place in lessons and the examination hall.
- These are assessments not external examinations. However, they will be based on the information sent out by the examination boards and they will be moderated to make sure teacher assessments are accurate. Students should revise and try to do their best with these assessments.
- Students who would usually have extra time in the exams will benefit from the same arrangements in teacher assessment.
- We will continue to gather further evidence in class that will enable us to award the grades that we feel reflect our students' skills and abilities.
- We will prepare students with revision lessons and materials as soon as they are ready.

When will assessments take place?

The assessments will take place on 21st April and 27th April after Easter holidays. However, this is dependent on any updated Government guidance.

When will the exam results be issued?

The advertised dates for the exam results are:

- GCSEs - Thursday 12th August 2021



How will my child's grade be formulated?

- Teachers will assess students against a national standard, which will be defined by the exam boards before the Easter break.
- Departments will submit grades using a range of evidence which will be quality assured. This internal quality assurance process will have to be signed off by the exam board to ensure it is rigorous and in line with national standards.
- All results will be quality assured externally by the exam boards, which may include random sampling of our evidence.
- If the exam boards are confident in our submitted results, then the exam boards will award students their final grades.
- If students do not think their results are accurate, they will have the right to appeal. Information about this will be advised after the exam grades are awarded in the summer.

It has been a delight to have welcomed back our students this week and to see them back in the classroom with their peers and their teachers. I will give you further updates when I have more detail to share with you. In the meantime, please encourage your child to revise key knowledge and content and act on feedback from their teachers. By working together, all our students will be given the opportunity to achieve their potential and go on to future success. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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	Period 1 (9am - 11am)
Wednesday 21 April	English Literature Paper 1 (Year 10) (1hour 45mins)
Tuesday 27 April	English Literature Paper 2 (Year 10) (1hour 45mins)