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Dear Parents/Carers

English – Evidence for GCSE Grades

As you are no doubt aware, your son's final GCSE grade will involve some form of Teacher Assessment. The process of allocating grades is extremely thorough and a student will need to have a large portfolio of work to evidence the grade they are working at.

To ensure a fair process, your son will be set a range of questions from both Literature and Language curriculums. These will be anonymised and marked and moderated by the English Team. There will then be further assessments on their return to school to corroborate that the online work was their own. Depending on the timing of Year 11's return to school, there may be scope for a second round of PPEs which will provide another opportunity for your son to demonstrate the progress he has made.

To allow your son plenty of opportunity to demonstrate his skills, knowledge, understanding and progress, the assessments will be supported by lessons to prepare them to answer the questions to the best of their abilities. Whilst it can be tempting to give your son extra support or to allow 'copy and pasting', if there is a dramatic difference in online and in school work, this will make the final grade decision a lot more difficult.

I am extremely proud of the engagement our Year 11s are showing in their English lessons. Their determination in such strange circumstances has been phenomenal and a credit to them. Once we have heard further from Ofqual and the Examining boards, I will of course update you on our departmental plans. In the meantime I thank you for your continued encouragement and support of your son's successful future.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 01732 500600.

Yours sincerely

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