



16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure that you are aware our Year 11 students have just completed their first period of mock examinations. I wanted to contact you to make you aware of the process that we use to calculate both the November and March mock grades

For their English courses, the students sat their GCSE Language Paper Two (Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives) and two sections of their GCSE Literature Paper Two (Modern Texts and Poetry). In the upcoming reports the students will be given a grade based on their performance on these papers. They will also be given a forecast grade for their summer examination based on this mock grade but also taking into consideration performance on the course so far.

In the March mock period, the students will sit their GCSE Language Paper One and their GCSE Literature One papers. They will also be assessed on their final section of Literature Paper Two. Once the students have completed all parts of the papers under exam conditions, we will combine these marks to replicate the process that the exam board uses to calculate a final grade. At this point we will report this combined grade so that students have a realistic understanding of their performance overall in their qualifications. Students will, of course, have their papers returned to them so that they can review their papers and understand how they performed in individual papers (but we will keep the papers in school). Teachers will then be able to forecast their final grade as accurately as possible taking into account the result from the combined papers and their progress in class.

Yours faithfully

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