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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 - GCSE English Literature; cancellation of early exam entry

I am writing to let you know that we have taken the decision not to enter students for their GCSE English Literature exam at the end of Year 10.

We have analysed the national data set and our own in-school data, whilst also considering the impact of recent events, such as the pandemic and the delayed start to this academic year, and believe that this decision is in the students' best interests.

The hope is that we can alleviate some of the pressure on this cohort of students and ensure that each student is fully ready for the test and examinations they take at school. In this circumstance we believe that students will be better prepared by taking the GCSE at the end of Year 11.

This approach to English Literature and English Language will enable students to work on both courses throughout this year and next, giving more time to practise and refine their skills and knowledge, in order that they can fulfil their potential in the final examinations in May 2025.

Class teachers have advised their students today of this change.

Please rest assured, that we have considered this decision very carefully and it has been made so as to ensure that we can deliver the best possible outcomes for our students.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Taylor
Head of School