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Dear Year 9 and 10 Pupils,

I know that this is an uncertain time for you and this will undoubtedly be causing anxiety. However, I want to reassure you that the decisions being made about qualifications will not disadvantage you.

As you will be aware, the decision to cancel exams in Wales was made in November and more recently, the decision was made to scrap the plans designed to replace these exams due to the current lockdown. This could have affected many of you who are following courses where you can sit exams that contribute to the overall qualification early. I want to make it clear that you will still have the opportunity to sit these exams next year.

For those pupils in Year 10 who were entered to complete a full qualification this year e.g. in English Literature, we now have some clarity about the process for awarding grades: your teacher will decide what grade is awarded. It is important that you understand that this grade will be based on evidence. This evidence can take many forms and can be taken from prior to lockdown, during lockdown or from when you return to school, so it is vital that you continue to engage with your learning via Google Classroom. These grades will **not** be based on potential and are not predictions as to what you *might* have achieved had there been no disruption to learning and exams had gone ahead as planned.

I know that many of you will be anxious to know what grades your teachers are likely to award you, but I need to make it clear that we will **not** share any predicted grades or centre determined grades with pupils or parents as this can seriously compromise the integrity of the process and is something that is clearly warned against in the guidance from WJEC/Qualifications Wales. However, we will be happy to discuss your current grades and progress with you, so please get in touch if there is anything you feel we can help you with.

Yours faithfully

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