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Dear Parents/Guardians

iGCSE English Literature: Extended Review Results

I am pleased to say that the results of the Extended Review have now come in. As a result of the remark, 58 boys' results (that's just under half of the cohort) have been moved up by at least one grade as a result of the appeal. This is obviously great for the boys involved, and for the overall GCSE results of the School. **Mrs. Glasson will be notifying your son with regard to any grade changes.**

From the English Department's point of view, however, the shift in marks has not been significant enough. We would expect the boys' overall performance in Literature to be on a par, or at least near to their performance in Language (80% A/A* grades). As it stands after the review, the percentage of A/A* grades stands at 54%, which is significantly below what we would expect this cohort to achieve, and is also out of kilter with grades achieved in Literature coursework.

Therefore, we have Dr. Smallwood's blessing to appeal further, which involves a letter from him, as Head of Centre, outlining the reasons for our continued dissatisfaction, with further qualification and evidence supplied by myself.

In terms of how this may affect results further, the AQA appeals team has assured us that 'normally if an appeal proceeds the marks/grades awarded to candidates are protected in most instances if as a consequence of the appeal a review of scripts is deemed necessary.' It should be the case, therefore, that marks will not go down from the results of the Extended Review as a result of this next stage of appeal. Furthermore, in Section 9, paragraph 11 of OFQUAL's **GCSE, GCE, Principal Learning and Project Code of Practice** it states: 'In cases where a post-results review of moderation reveals inaccurate moderation, subject grades already awarded can only be confirmed or raised.'

I hope that you can understand my Department's reasons for pursuing this further, despite the extra work and waiting time involved. The whole experience has been very regretful, not least because of the impact that has had on the boys' perception of their ability in the subject, which has had a considerable knock-on effect on how many have opted to study Literature at A level.

I will, of course, keep you updated regarding the outcome of the Stage 2 appeal.

Kind regards

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