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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will no doubt be aware, the arrangements for GCSE examinations in 2020 have been thrown into turmoil with the closure of all schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your child was due to sit their GCSE English Literature examination in the summer of 2020. Due to these examinations not taking place, your child will no longer be able to sit their English Literature as an early entry.

Naturally, like you, we want your child to do their very best. We will work with them, under the current circumstances of remote learning, as well as when they return to us to be educated in school, to ensure that they are as prepared as they can be for their GCSE's in the summer of 2021.

Another area of question is Y10 work experience in July. At this point in time, it is looking unlikely that this will be able to go ahead due to the workplace shut-downs and social distancing rules. However, July is quite a way off and rather than just cancel now, we feel that we have nothing to lose by waiting a few weeks to see if there is any change in the current situation. If your child has not yet arranged a work placement, please do not worry. We can look at how we support you to secure a placement if we are in a position to go ahead.

Yours faithfully

Headteacher

