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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 10 PoR GCSE

Following my email yesterday announcing Ofgual's decision to allow allocated grades for the Year 10 POR GCSE, I would like to give you some information about the process.

Your daughter's teacher will be allocating her a GCSE grade as part of a rigorous process within the department based on what, in their professional opinion, she would have got if the exam went ahead as planned. To get to this grade, a whole range of data is considered; prior attainment data such as KS2 SATs, but also current attainment data, including the January PPE, and any other assessments over the course. They will also take into account class work and current progress up until closure. The grade allocated will not be based on the January PPE alone.

The grades that we submit to the exam boards are not final however. The next part of the process is a system of external moderation and alignment where are grades may be adjusted. Any student who wishes to appeal their grade may do so by sitting an external exam, possibly in the Autumn term.

This is a long and careful process and unfortunately, we are unable to give grade information out, so can I respectfully ask that you do not contact your daughter's teacher about this matter.

I hope this has outlined the process that we have to follow, but if you have any further questions, please do get in contact with me.

Yours sincerely

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