

## **English Literature: Statement on how we have agreed CAGs 2020**

You are probably wondering about what will happen with your final A level grades.

College have been asked to produce final grades and rank order for all students taking English Literature. These grades and rank order will be reviewed, first of all, by the department, then by the Head of Faculty and subsequently by the College SLT to ensure that they reflect in year progress and previous results. Only then will grades and rank order be sent to Ofqual. Ultimately, grades nationally will be standardised by these bodies to be in line with previous years' gradings. You will be notified of your grades sometime in August we imagine.

What will we do in English?

We will not just pluck a grade out of the air.

We will award a grade that is positive, but within reason, and which considers what you would have achieved with hard work and sustained revision between March and sitting the exams.

We will come to agreement with all the teachers who have taught you on the course over the two years.

We will take into account the following factors to come to an overall grade:

- The quality of your coursework over the two years
- Your best written work in all units
- We will consider your performance and ability in all units and your understanding of individual texts in class activities and work set.
- Results in summer predictor exams and January mocks.
- We will use our professional judgement to compare how students of similar ability to you performed in the final exams in previous years. We are aware that January mocks, in themselves, are not always the best indicator of final grade.
- We will compare your in-year progress with similar students from previous years to help us reach a realistic final grade.

Your teachers may still be setting you work activities in order to fully complete the course. It would be sensible to do this work for a sense of completion of the course.

I am afraid that we will not be publishing coursework grades or final teacher awarded grades.

Finally, we have to ask you not to attempt to enter into negotiations with individual teachers in order to secure a specific grade or to enquire as to the decided grade. Your grade will be a positive reflection of your work and ability over the last two years. It will not be based on you rewriting essays or handing in additional essays beyond the tasks currently expected of you to complete the course. Please bear in mind that the ultimate grade awarded will be at the discretion of Ofqual, not your teachers.

