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GCSE English issues - feedback from [REDACTED]

DfE official

Importance:

High

Jeremy

[REDACTED] and I visited [REDACTED] today for a meeting about exam delivery issues generally (she is - among many other things - on the [REDACTED] advisory group).

The Principal began the meeting however by expressing major concerns about GCSE English this year - mainly about the issues of principle, rather than her school's results. [REDACTED] and I set out the basic facts (including about Amanda's role, which was something she asked about - I had the impression she may know Amanda personally through [REDACTED]); but were principally in listening mode.

She mentioned that she'd had a lengthy chat with the SoS about the subject in the fringes of their EBC launch there on Monday (and that he'd explained that you were dealing and were independent); and also that David Laws had rung her at home at the weekend about the issue because of concerns in his constituency.

I explained that you were talking to schools as part of your stakeholder engagement during the second phase of your investigation; and she was of course at liberty to write to you if she wished and I'd be happy to tell her who to write to etc.

Before I go back to her, can I just test with you how you'd like to handle her interest pl? Would Glenys or Amanda for example be willing to communicate with her direct and/or would you be happy to make this school one of those you are talking to?

I'd like to get back to her today or tomorrow if that's ok.

I'm around on and off this afternoon if you wanted a word on the phone.

All good wishes

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