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Sent:

03 August 2012 14:45

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Subject:

FW: Independent: Maintaining standards in summer 2012

Jeremy,

Sending this to you as I don't think I have an email address for Adrian. This is an example, I think, of where our press office shouldn't really be getting involved, but are doing so because the response from your press office to the Independent doesn't seem to have satisfied the journalist (and, quite frankly, I can see why!). Heavy thick complex stuff, but it strikes me that it's a decent opportunity for Ofqual to demonstrate that it's being robust on standards, and that if you don't tackle this head on the noise from ASCL and others will simply rise. Of course, I don't pretend to understand the detail, and perhaps we need to agree an approach with you to dealing with any of that noise should it reach Ministers.

Either way, we're trying to deflect our press office from getting involved other than a very high level line to take.

Anna

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Please see below the query from the Independent, plus the link to the document below that.

Kind regards,



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Hi Comp

Here's the link to the document. Crucial bit they say that under policy of comparable outcomes grades should remain "roughly" the same as the previous year. Headteachers, i.e ASCL, are saying how can they square the circle and deliver higher percentages of pupils getting top grade maths and English passes at GCSE if that is the policy.

Regards

Richard

PS: I'm on properties if you need to contact me.

Michael Fox <Mike.Fox@Ofqual.Gov.Uk> 02/08/2012 09:31

To "r.gamer@independent.co.uk" <r.gamer@independent.co.uk>

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Subject Summer awards

Hi Richard,

Good to talk to you earlier.

Hopefully this document will offer a better explanation anything else.	ion than I can – come back to us if you need
http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2012-05-09-maintain	ing-standards-in-summer-2012.pdf
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