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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Textiles Coursework Folders

You may be aware that last weekend the school roof over the Textiles classroom leaked and water flooded the plastic box where the GCSE Textiles coursework folders were being stored. As a result, there has been some water damage to the students' work kept in the folders.

On Monday morning we contacted the AQA exam board, who logged this incident, and JCQ, who oversee exam procedures in the UK. Both organisations have reassured us that the students' marks will not be negatively affected by the water damage to the folders, and we are in the process of completing the necessary documentation with AQA to ensure all students receive special consideration given that this incident was outside their control.

JCQ state the following regarding special consideration:

'Special consideration is a post-examination adjustment to a candidate's mark or grade to reflect temporary illness, temporary injury or some other event outside of the candidate's control at the time of the assessment, which has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a candidate's ability to take an assessment or demonstrate his or her normal level of attainment in an assessment.'

In addition to this, we have taken a colour photocopy of every page in every student folder in order to mitigate any further loss of legibility of written and/or drawn detail during the drying process. Please be assured that special consideration enables us to award the same marks to the work as would have been awarded before the damage.

We can't quite believe the sheer bad luck of the incident and fully share the students' (and your) upset about this damage; we hope the students can take some comfort in the knowledge that their marks will not be negatively affected.

If you have any other questions about this situation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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