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Overall, students within our schools have received good grades. However, the LiFE Multi-Academy Trust is disappointed and angry with the system that has been used to allocate A Level grades. When this system was under consultation, we expressed our concerns in the strongest terms. We take no pleasure in finding that our concerns were correct.

The model used gives schools a similar grade profile to previous years, but does not take account of the individuals themselves. The 'cause' of an individual's performance is how hard they work, and how well they have been taught, not how well a different student did in the past. It is just plain wrong to confuse correlation and causality. Those schools that serve students with the most challenges in education will be disproportionately affected by this crude and immoral application of statistical modelling.

We will be fighting hard to have teachers' predicted grades reinstated for all those affected, and will be supporting each individual to ensure that their future pathway is not adversely affected.

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