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Letter to the editor

Insulted

David Hargreaves astutely describes the anxiety of students awaiting their A-level results. As one such 18-year-old, I have been in a state of nervous anticipation; not for my results, more a fear of the ill-informed speculation about “dumbing down” which inevitably accompanies them, of which his article is an excellent example.

When harking back to a “golden age” in which students were required to “know thoroughly 100 years of British and European history” he appears unaware that current history courses require students to answer in depth on, for instance, over 100 years of post-Reformation European history.

English syllabuses, contrary to his beliefs, still demand knowledge of writers of the era of Milton and Dryden as well as the study of Shakespeare. Although I come from a humble comprehensive, I cannot imagine that the A-level courses taught in independent schools such as Mr Hargreaves’s are as unchallenging as he claims.

A-level students should feel insulted by the attempts to denigrate their achievements. The advent of the AS examination has - rather than creating the easy modular component Mr Hargreaves decries - introduced a massive workload for Year 12 pupils; harder, university friends have claimed, in terms of its intensive nature, than that set for a degree.

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- Helen Mort's letter is headed "Insulted".
- 1p **40** What does she feel insulted by?
By David Hargreaves's suggestion that
- A** courses at state schools such as Helen Mort's are far less demanding than those at independent schools.
 - B** today's A-level students are not up to meeting the standards of the final exams.
 - C** too little is demanded of A-level students today in terms of knowledge and work.