

# GCSE mora

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IT IS 'morally wrong' to suggest too easy, a schools leader said. Pupils are doing 'everything they can' and should not be told their efforts are falling short, said a spokesman for the Association of School Leaders.

'It's potentially very dangerous to undermine confidence in the system,' he said. 'They are working really hard taking exams that are rigorous and demanding. They shouldn't be told that their achievements are not good enough. It's just wrong, it's morally wrong to undermine their efforts.'

He called for achievements to be celebrated when the results are announced on Thursday.

The comments came after reports that education secretary Michael Gove is planning a controversial return to O



Continuing our series of ordinary Londoners in extraordinary jobs, this week we feature shoeshiner Marianna who works for Sunshine Shoeshine an ethical shoeshine company.

### **I didn't even know there was such a job**

Not many people do, but we have loads of companies signing up with us all the time, so hopefully that is changing.

### **How did you get into such a strange career?**

3 years ago I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and I lost my job at a coffee chain due to the days off I was forced to take. A cancer charity put me in touch with Sunshine, I really couldn't have coped without a job and Sunshine was so understanding, giving me time off and we're really supportive.

### **How are you feeling now?**

Fortunately the recovery rate from thyroid cancer is very high, so I am fine, although you always have to keep an eye out as it can return, but if it does, I feel safe in that my work and friends will help and support me.

### **What a heart warming story. What does your day to day working life consist of?**

I have a weekly rota of clients to visit – like a school timetable. In each office I arrive, ask customers if they'd like a shoeshine, they take their shoes off and I shine them. I repeat this throughout the week.

### **Is it popular?**

Yes, very. Customers know that we donate proceeds to charity, so 99% of the time I'm totally overwhelmed.

### **How does the future look for you**

**Marianna?** I am getting married next June to an ex customer! So, we are saving up for that. Career wise I have a lot of experience, so I can put myself forward for...  
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