



# LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, your child recently received their results from their English Literature GCSE. As a year group, students performed very well and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their success in the examinations. It is pleasing to see that at the end of year 10 the year group actually achieved a slightly better pass rate than year 11 did in Literature, and the same pass rate for a 'strong pass' and the very top grades. This means that students will be free to focus on their English Language in year 11 (the English qualification that colleges and universities place most importance on) without having the time constraints that Literature revision would bring – which was the main reason for sitting their Literature exam at the end of year 10.

That said, we do understand that some students may wish to re-sit their English Literature GCSE in year 11, alongside their English Language GCSE. Please be assured that this decision does not need to be made straight away. As a school, over the next week, we will have the chance to analyse the exam grades in detail and work with students to ensure that we come to a collective decision about the best way forward. Students will have a meeting with their class teacher in an English lesson this week to look at their individual result and what the best way forward would be for them. These discussions will be particularly helpful as it is important that students find the right balance between whether possibly improving their English Literature grade (and remembering it could drop due to the amount of other exams they will be taking) is as important as ensuring that they have the maximum amount of time to focus on achieving the best result possible in their English Language GCSE (and as stated previously, this is the qualification that universities and colleges look at). You will then be informed of our firm recommendation as to whether to resit or not.

In terms of informing students, we will be holding an assembly on Friday of this week in which they will be given all of the relevant information about the implications of resitting Literature. In the assembly, they will also be informed about their opportunity to discuss their result with their English teacher to ensure that they reach an informed and thoughtful decision. We would like to thank you in advance for your support with these matters.

If you require any further information about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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