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**Mr D Cooper**  
**Principal**

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Dear parents and carers of Year 11 students,

Your son or daughter recently completed their English Literature GCSE in English, and the year group performed very well, with over 50% of the year group attaining a Grade 5 or better score at the end of the exam. There were many individual success stories across the year group – and students who are, rightfully, really pleased with their result.

Inevitably however, when you complete a qualification of the magnitude of English Literature a year early, there will be a few students who might feel that they would do better taking the exam at the end of Year 11. I would like to ask whether or not you feel your son or daughter should re-take the exam at the end of this academic year.

The mark gained at the end of Year 10 cannot be changed – in other words, this grade stands even if a subsequent attempt at the exam resulted in a lower performance. We are quite confident in the English team that students who re-take will perform better – but also appreciate that students may want to move forward and concentrate on their English Language GCSE. I would like to set up, after Christmas, regular intervention sessions after college with all students who are re-taking the qualification, and I need to gauge the numbers so that I can plan the scale of this appropriately.

Could I ask you to have a conversation at home, and identify whether or not you feel re-taking the exam would be beneficial? Could you then complete the slip below and return it to your son or daughter's English teacher, so that I can identify how many students (and to whom this applies) would like to re-sit the exam in the summer?

If there are any related questions or queries, please get in touch with me, initially by e-mail: [mclover@bassingbournvc.net](mailto:mclover@bassingbournvc.net)

Many thanks,

Yours faithfully

Mike Clover  
Head of English

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**Please return this slip to your child's English teacher by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Name of student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please delete as appropriate) My son / daughter WOULD / WOULD NOT like to retake English Literature in June 2018.**

**Parent signature :** \_\_\_\_\_ **date :** \_\_\_\_\_