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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. As you may be aware, Mrs Cleland, Director of English Faculty, is away from school on maternity leave. In her absence I am delighted to be Acting Director of Faculty with the opportunity to continue her excellent work.

As an English teacher in Rugeley for over 15 years, I have been proud to help our students achieve outstanding results at both GCSE and A Level. If you have any issues or queries during this important period of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As you are aware, your child sat their English Literature GCSE qualification in Year 10. The subject was given the recommended amount of Guided Learning time as instructed by the exam board, and students were adequately prepared for the exam that was sat in the summer. The English Language and English Literature GCSEs count as a pass within the subject of English (previously only English Language had counted), so if your child has achieved a Level 4 or above then they will not have to resit English Language or Literature after Year 11.

However, we do want to make parents aware that many institutions and universities still value English Language GCSE over English Literature and it is important to stress that a good performance in English Language this year will increase the future prospects for students once they leave school.

We are running focussed intervention and revision sessions during school holidays to give Year 11 students the best possible chance of achieving the highest English Language grade possible. If you could help your child and reinforce the importance of attending these sessions, we would be extremely grateful.

Should your child wish to re-sit their English Literature qualification, they may do so; however, we will not be able to deliver this content during their timetabled lessons as the focus in class will be the forthcoming English Language GCSE. Support will be provided and students will need to use all of their revision notes and guides to further assist with their study.

Please fill in the attached form if you would like your child to re-sit English Literature GCSE and hand the form to Reception by Friday 28 February. If we do not receive a form, we will presume you are happy for your child not to be re-entered for the exam and wish for them to focus on their other subjects.

Yours sincerely

**Mr B Brennan**  
Assistant Principal - Head of Sixth Form  
Acting Director of Faculty – English



**English Literature GCSE Re-sit**

**Please return this form to Reception by Friday 28 February 2020 latest**

**Consent Form**

I confirm that my son/daughter would like to re-sit their English Literature GCSE

Name of student (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

(Person with parental responsibility)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_