



# Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer

In light of the recent English Literature module results, I am writing to inform you of the options which are now available to your son/daughter and to give you some advice on next steps.

Your son/daughter sat two exam modules in June which each count for 25% of their final Literature GCSE result. Those modules were as follows:

*A663 LIT - Prose from other cultures ('Of Mice and Men')*

*A662 LIT – Modern Drama ('Journey's End')*

Overall the results were encouraging and many students will not wish to re-sit these modules. However, we are also aware that some students may wish to sit these modules again in order to improve their grades.

Your son/daughter's class teacher will advise on whether or not they feel that re-sitting the exam would be of benefit. The recommendations will be as follows:

- The department **do not** recommend requesting a re-mark of the modules at this stage. 1% of appeals for re-mark are successful and there is always a risk that students' grades may go down.
- The department **do not** recommend that students re-sit modules when they have already hit their forecast grade. They should concentrate their efforts on the Year 11 syllabus.
- The department **do** recommend that students re-sit a module where they underachieved against forecast by 2 grades or more.
- If students underachieved against forecast by 1 grade, they must also take into consideration their controlled assessment grades and how borderline their result was (this information has been shared with students in lessons) before deciding if re-sit is appropriate. If any student is unsure or requires advice, they should approach their class teacher at the earliest opportunity.

Students can re-sit one or both of the modules and the examination date is 13 January 2012 in the afternoon. Results will then be published in March and the higher of the grades is the one which counts towards the final result. The English curriculum is fairly packed for Year 11 this year and students will need to be prepared to work independently to prepare for their re-sits. However, the department will offer some revision sessions prior to Christmas to support students who decide to re-sit one of both of these Literature modules.

You may also wish to recall your son/daughter's exam script in order to gain a clearer idea of why the grade was awarded. This is not a necessity and there is a cost involved of £12. Requests for original scripts must reach Mr Freeman (exams officer) in writing with payment by Thursday 29 September. Please note that scripts may not be received until mid-November.

I must stress that students will be moving on swiftly with the Year 11 syllabus. Class teachers have spent some time in their first lessons discussing re-sit options with students so they have all the advice they should need to make an informed decision. The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you also have the same information so that you can support your child.

If your son/daughter wishes to re-sit one or both of these modules, you will need to complete the paperwork which can be located on the school website and return to Mr Freeman by **Thursday 29 September** latest. These forms are also attached for your ease. Please scroll down to the final page of the document for the Year 10 Re-sit Request for January 2012 Exams.

Yours sincerely

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