



Castle Rushen
High School

Letter to Yr11 Parents of Students studying GCSE English Literature

29th May 2018

Dear All

I write to update you on the situation involving the English Literature iGCSE exam taken by your son/daughter on Friday 25th May. We have written to all the students affected today, offering our sincere apologies. Whilst the investigation is ongoing it appears clear that the situation was our fault. Students were taught a set text that was relevant for exams up to November 2017, but not for summer 2018. This was an error in our programme of study for Year 11 English Literature. Friday's exam was worth 25% of the final grade, the remaining 75% is unaffected by our error.

The situation is now that we are awaiting a response from the exam board, Cambridge International, in respect of this 25% component. The advice received from them on Friday was for students to attempt the paper anyway. I then spoke to one of their Directors on Friday afternoon, describing the circumstances. He has undertaken to respond later on this week. We will update you as soon as we know.

Please be reassured that if your son/daughter was planning to come back to study A-levels with us the issue with English Literature will not affect their application. We will also provide our students with official documentation to explain the circumstances of their English Literature result, should that become necessary.

If your son/daughter would like to come in and speak to any of us for support/reassurance, they would be very welcome.

Once again can I reiterate how very sorry we all are. The staff of the school all try their utmost to help our students, on this occasion we have let them down. I will update you once again as soon as we have further news.

Regards

Keith Winstanley

HEADTEACHER