



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

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To: Year 11 Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Grading of English mock exams and the way ahead

As part of our school quality assurance processes we have reviewed our banding of the recent Year 11 GCSE English Language and English Literature mock examinations.

We have therefore set percentage grade boundaries as follows (see the far right hand column). We have sought to take into account potential grade inflation in GCSE English Language and English Literature between 2018 and 2019. Also listed below are the percentage grade boundaries for 2017 and 2018.

GCSE English Language:

Grade	2017	2018	Current Y11 Mock (2018)
9	77	80	83
8	71	74	77
7	68	68	71
6	58	61	64
5	51	54	55
4	45	48	45

GCSE English Literature

Grade	2017	2018	Current Y11 Mock (2018)
9	88	84	88
8	79	75	79
7	71	68	71
6	61	57	61
5	51	48	55
4	41	38	45

As a result, we believe this gives a more accurate picture of where your son is currently 'at' in English.

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We will be providing support for students in English after the Christmas holidays. The key thing we would like to emphasise is that we would like to encourage all students to get as much learning as possible from the mock process. We want every student to focus on putting into practice this learning and moving themselves up in every assessment, one grade at a time.

I'm sure your son will not be complacent about their English studies. Our experience tells us that with a positive mindset and a dedicated approach, students can make wonderful progress post- mock examinations.

I would also like to share with you a top tip from parents and students who have gone through this process over the last two years. They say one of the most invaluable ways of making progress post mock examinations has been completing lots of additional questions at home, which can all be handed in and marked by staff. There are a number of papers outside the English office. (If at all unsure, students should ask how to access these.)

If you have any concerns about your son's progress in English do not hesitate to contact me (Mrs Lynch, b.lynch@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk) or your son's English teacher:

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Yours sincerely

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