

Dear Parents and Carers

At Mark Hall Academy we take our students progress and welfare seriously. Therefore, I am writing to you to express the importance of your son/daughter making the most of their remaining time at the academy for the following reason. Once an exam series has been marked the grade boundaries are then set (they change after every series). Following the November 2017 resit for English Language, the grade boundaries have significantly increased. In the Summer 2017 series, a student needed to achieve 82 marks in order to achieve a grade 5. However, in the November 2017 resit series, a student then needed to achieve 91 marks to be awarded a grade 5. That is a 9-mark increase, which is considerable. **It is likely that grade boundaries for the Summer 2018 exam series will also shift but as all schools, we do not know what the shift will be.**

Ultimately, this means that your son/daughter's recent mock exam results are likely to have changed **if we were to apply the November 2017 boundaries** (their teacher would have informed them of their new grade).

It is now **more important than ever**, that your son/daughter **attends English revision sessions** on a **regular basis** in order to **maximise their chances** of reaching a minimum of a grade 5, which is considered to be a 'Good' pass. We must work together to ensure that every opportunity is given to your child to improve their marks and have an impact on their final grade.

Please encourage your son/daughter to attend intervention/revision sessions in order to support their progress.

Yours faithfully



Mrs M Barr

Head of English

**English intervention sessions:**

Thursday and Friday morning registration – targeted students

Wednesday week 1 – all students

Wednesday week 2 – all students who are not needed elsewhere

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