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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing this letter to inform you of an important adjustment to our library system.

Downlands Community School is extremely proud of our library and the work that students, staff and our librarian have put in to make it a dynamic, engaging and welcoming space for all students at our school. Our library houses a rich range of texts that cover a plethora of genres from fantasy to history to science to languages. It is a beloved space of many of our pupils and we are constantly working to improve library services and offerings.

Our library provides students with the opportunity to expand their range of experience and learn about the world through a variety of perspectives. The texts we offer include classics and newer releases, aimed at a range of reading levels, from young readers to young adults. Many of our books explore complex themes and mature topics, such as war, exploration of identity and social issues.

We would like to offer all students the freedom to explore the entire library catalogue, but we are aware that some individuals have particular sensitivities and thus parent/carers would like to monitor more closely their student's reading access. Because of the size and diversity of the library catalogue and the size and diversity of the student body, it is not feasible for the library team to screen each student's individual access to specific texts. Therefore, we are requesting that parent/carers inform us if they would like their student's library access restricted from accessing texts in the Young Adult category. If you would like your child's library account restricted, please return the form below to our librarian Ms Quick via email (squick@downlands.org) or via your student.

Thank you for your cooperation and we hope that your student enjoys our exceptional library during their time at Downlands.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Howarth

Head of KS3 English

Request to Restrict Access to Young Adult Titles

Student Name:

Student Year Group and Tutor Group:

Signed with your name and relation to student: