3 February 2015

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Re: “Little Miss Sunshine” Film

As part of your child’s studies in English this semester, we will be completing a shared film study. The film text that I am proposing we study is called Little Miss Sunshine.

The story focuses on a dysfunctional family and their individual hopes and dreams, particularly those of the youngest daughter Olive, who wants to win the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant.

The film has an M15+ rating and despite being a family comedy, contains some strong language and an example of drug use. However, I believe that the overall message of the film is positive and could give the class some interesting material to use for film analysis and assessment tasks.

Although I have few reservations with the content of the film, I appreciate that the parents of our students have a diverse range of opinions and backgrounds and that some of the content may offend. I would not consider the film for a class text if I did not believe in the overall message of the story or that it would engage the students in the class.

Therefore, I ask you to complete the form at the bottom of this letter so that we can either begin the film as soon as possible or choose an alternative.

For more information you could consult the British Board of Film Classification Website: http://www.sbbfc.co.uk/CaseStudies/Little_Miss_Sunshine

Yours sincerely

James Champ
English Teacher

Panayoula Parha
Principal

Please return to Mr James Champ

Student’s name……………………………………………………………

☐ I give permission for my child to view ‘Little Miss Sunshine’.

☐ I do not give permission for my child to view ‘Little Miss Sunshine’.

Signed:……………………………………………………………………….. (Parent/Caregiver)