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April 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Year 11 English Intervention & GCSE Examinations

We are fast approaching the English examinations that will take place on the following dates:

2024 AQA English Literature Examinations:

- AQA Literature Paper 1 – Monday 13th May 2024
- AQA Literature Paper 2 – Monday 20th May 2024

2024 AQA English Language Examinations:

- AQA Language Paper 1 – Thursday 23rd May 2024
- AQA Language Paper 2 – Thursday 6th June 2024

I am writing to inform you that after school English intervention sessions for Year 11 students will commence on Wednesday 17th April 2024 and run until Wednesday 5th June 2024.

The first three Wednesdays will focus on English Language revision that your child has been covering in the Spring Term. The sessions will be compulsory for all students, and their attendance is crucial to ensure the content for their Language examinations are upheld to an agreeable standard. The last sessions will cover content relevant for their Literature examinations the following week.

After school intervention sessions will run from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. We will take a register at the sessions, should you wish to check your child's attendance. Students will be expected to make their own way to the English block and then they will be placed in a session focusing on a specific exam topic. If, for any reason, we have to cancel a session, we will inform you by text message. These sessions are in addition to home learning and revision, which every student should be completing outside of the school day at home.

Please discuss with your child the importance of attending these sessions and support their achievement this year by stressing the importance of their engagement, just as we will in school. All our teaching staff are dedicated and committed to doing all we can to ensure students achieve the best they can in the exams this summer.



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Please note, not all sessions are for every student. Several sessions are targeted at certain students on certain topics or levels. These sessions will cover areas of weakness indicated from the Literature and Language mock examinations we have conducted this year.

Currently, teachers are working with students on revision activities, past examination paper practice and extended writing practice. At home, students should spend at least one hour on a range of different revision resources; this could include, Seneca, BBC BiteSize, Exam Total Recall Maps, Google Classroom, homework, interventions, as well as their class notes and workbooks to enhance their learning. Please also refer to the 'Revision Menu' I sent home last term to guide students and show them how to revise for English with varying topics. It is important that students are well prepared for these examinations and have revised fully.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact any of the following staff:

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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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