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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 11 English/English Literature: Revision Guides and Revision Sessions

We have produced an in-house iGCSE Revision Guide for all pupils in Year 11, which will help them prepare for their English Language and Literature iGCSEs. In the past, we have found that many people (pupils and parents alike!) are under the impression that you 'can't really revise for English' – so this is our way of putting the record straight!

It includes user-friendly advice on approaching each section of the exams, as well as suggestions of practical and active ways to prepare during the revision period. In addition, there are practice questions and top-mark exemplar answers to help pupils further.

The booklets will be issued before the Easter break (so that they can be used over the holiday), and are free of charge. It would be good if you could look through the booklet when it comes home, and be aware of the advice given. An electronic copy is also accessible via the English Department's 'Student Resources' section on the school website.

The English Department will be offering two 'Big Breakfast' revision sessions in addition to any other individual sessions that teachers may choose to run; these will take place in the Drama Studio directly before the Literature and Language exams this summer. Times for these sessions are as follows, ending just before the start of the exams at 9.00 am.

23 May for Literature - 8.00am – 8.45am

07 June for Language - 8.00am – 8.45am

Last year, over a hundred boys from Year 11 attended each session, with a vast majority reporting, after the exam, that they'd found the sessions incredibly useful.

Finally, the diagram on the next page offers a brief overview of the ways in which your son can prepare for English Language and Literature. Please do not hesitate to contact me by email if I can be of any further assistance.

Many thanks for all of the continued support of your son's progress in English!

Yours faithfully

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