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Dear Parent/Guardian

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar for GCSE Study Guide

You may be aware that the teaching of the new English '9-1' GCSEs is now underway and in its second year. Students are expected to know grammatical terms and spell and punctuate with high accuracy if they are to secure the best grades. In addition, knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar is featuring much more prominently in GCSE subjects such as History, Geography, RS and of course English Literature, being worth 5% of the total marks.

To this end, we are delivering discrete SPaG lessons and assessments to Years 7-9. Therefore, we would strongly recommend that all Year 7 to 9 students have access to the book *Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar for GCSE CPG Study Guide*. We intend to use these guides to deliver packages of lessons to each year group. Please note that this is a different book from the one that many boys in Year 8 currently have, which was aimed at KS3 and felt to be too basic. Please also be advised that, if your son is in Year 9 and has already purchased the GCSE book through the School, he will not need another copy!

Boys whose parents do not purchase copies will not be disadvantaged in any way in lessons: all material will be displayed on the whiteboard via PowerPoint. However, having the book handy has obvious advantages in terms of home study and catching up.

As a school, we are able to purchase this book at a substantially reduced price per copy, and can offer it to you at the price of £2.25 rather than £5.95 RRP.

PAYMENTS OPTIONS:

Online: Via www.scopay.com. If you need a link code please email amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Deadline for payment: 14 October 2016

Payment will automatically reserve a copy, however if you do NOT want your son to have his own copy please could you let Mrs Beverley Singleton know by email on bjs@bws.wilts.sch.uk, stating your son's name and tutor group.

Yours faithfully

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