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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 10 English Language Exam

I am writing to let you know about the upcoming Year 10 English Language exam on **Tuesday 30th June**. Students will be completing a version of AQA GCSE English Language Paper 2 as part of their exam practice.

This paper focuses on reading and comparing two non-fiction texts from different time periods, followed by a piece of transactional writing, such as a letter, article, speech, or essay. This assessment is designed as exam practice, helping students become more confident with the structure, timing, and expectations of the GCSE exam.

The exam will assess several important English skills, including:

- Reading comprehension – understanding ideas, opinions, and viewpoints in both texts
- Inference – identifying what is suggested or implied by the writers
- Language analysis – exploring how writers use words and techniques to influence the reader
- Comparison – identifying similarities and differences between the two texts
- Evaluation of viewpoints – comparing writers' perspectives and explaining how effectively they present their ideas
- Transactional writing – writing clearly and persuasively for a specific purpose, audience, and form

This exam helps students practise applying the skills they have been developing in lessons and prepares them for the demands of the real GCSE exams in Year 11. It also allows teachers to identify areas where further support may be needed.

For revision, students should:

- Review class notes and completed practice papers
- Revisit feedback from previous assessments and purple pen improvements
- Practise comparing short non-fiction extracts from newspapers, articles, and speeches
- Revise the features of different transactional writing forms such as letters, speeches, and articles
- Use revision guides and knowledge organisers provided by school



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- Access online support through resources such as [AQA English Language Revision Resources](#)
- Watch revision videos from [Mr Bruff YouTube Channel](#) and [Mr Salles Teaches English](#), both of which provide excellent guidance for GCSE English Language skills, exam technique, and model answers

We also encourage students to complete regular independent reading, particularly newspaper articles and opinion pieces, as this helps strengthen the comparison and evaluation skills needed for Paper 2.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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