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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 10 English Literature Exam

I am writing to let you know about the upcoming Year 10 English Literature exam on Thursday 18th June. Students will be completing part of AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 2 as part of their exam practice.

For this assessment, students will focus on **Section A: Modern Texts** and **Section C: Unseen Poetry**.

Section A requires students to answer one essay question on their studied modern text, *Lord of the Flies*, using detailed knowledge of the whole text and relevant quotations to support their ideas.

Section C requires students to analyse one unseen poem and then compare it to a second unseen poem. This tests students' ability to respond independently to poetry they have not studied before.

This assessment is designed as exam practice, helping students become more confident with exam structure, timing, and the expectations of the GCSE Literature paper.

The exam will assess several important English skills, including:

- Knowledge of the text – understanding characters, themes, ideas, and key events in the modern text
- Quotation recall – selecting relevant quotations to support interpretations
- Analysis of language and structure – exploring how writers create meaning and effect
- Writer's methods – explaining how literary techniques shape the reader's response
- Critical interpretation – developing thoughtful, supported personal responses
- Poetry comparison – identifying similarities and differences between unseen poems
- Subject terminology – accurately using terms such as metaphor, imagery, tone, structure, and symbolism



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 essay responses
- Revisit teacher feedback and purple pen improvements
- Learn key quotations from their modern text and group them by theme or character
- Practise planning essay responses to common exam questions
- Revise poetic methods such as imagery, personification, contrast, and structure
- Practise reading and annotating unseen poems
- Access online support through resources such as [AQA English Literature Revision Resources](#)
- Watch revision videos from [Mr Bruff YouTube Channel](#) and [Mr Salles Teaches English](#), both of which provide excellent support for literature essays, poetry analysis, and exam technique

We also encourage students to read widely and revisit class texts regularly, as familiarity with quotations and themes makes a significant difference in exam confidence and success.

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

Yours sincerely

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