

21 September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, your child studies both English Literature and English Language and will therefore be awarded two separate GCSEs. Year 11 students are the first to study the new specifications which award grades 9-1 rather than the old letter grades.

The new specifications include considerably more content than previous specifications, especially in Literature. For that reason, your child has completed the study of the texts needed for English Literature in class so that they know them as early as possible in the course and so that Year 11 teaching can focus on, and refine, the skills needed in English Language. Therefore, it is imperative that your child begins revision of the literature texts at home immediately as re-reading of the texts over the next few months will ensure they are well prepared for the exam. Please reiterate to your child that there will be no more curriculum time given over to them.

Furthermore, to support students' English Literature revision, all pupils will be expected to attend 'P6' sessions on a Monday of Week 1 where we will revise the Literature texts. To support this they will be given a preparatory homework on the Monday of a Week 2.

These questions will be set from the CGP text guides which can be ordered from school at a reduced price of £2.75. Although the homework will be set from the guides, it can still be completed by research on the internet, using last year's class notes and rereading the text (which I would suggest pupils do on a continual basis). If you would like to order any of these texts please complete the slip below and return with the money to your child's English teacher by Friday 7 October.

It is also important that you and your child are aware of the key assessment dates as we approach the exams so that revision can be tailored accordingly and students are well prepared:

- Yr11 Literature Mock Exam – November 2016
- Yr11 Language Mock Exam – January 2017

It is crucial that students understand that the onus is on them to be working as hard at home as they do at school and I thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Orlando
Subject Leader of English

Name: _____ English Set: _____

Romeo and Juliet	
Animal Farm	
Jekyll and Hyde	
Conflict Poetry	
Unseen Poetry	
Total Cost @ £2.75 each	

Signed: _____ Date: _____