



5 October 2017

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Re: Year 10 mock GCSE English Examination on Friday 20th October

The English Department would like to take this opportunity to make you aware that Year 10 will be sitting a formal mock in English Language on 20th October 2017. As we have moved to a curriculum that no longer incorporates any speaking and listening or coursework and is 100% terminal examination we feel that we need to provide examination opportunities for each of the papers that students will have to sit next summer.

The examination will be held in the main hall, gym or cadet hut and students will need to register first before proceeding to the examination venue for a prompt start. We would encourage students to bring clear plastic pencil cases and ensure drinks bottles have no labels on in keeping with examination protocols.

If you wish to buy a revision guide for the GCSE English Language these are available on SQUID at a cost of £5.40. One workbook targets level 5 and the other is more suitable for students working at levels 6 – 9. They contain lots of revision exercises and are a great way of practising exam skills. The guides are a very practical resource as English Language is more skills based than English Literature so please encourage your child to complete questions, read the materials, make notes etc. and speak to his/her teacher for feedback.

The English department follow the AQA Specifications for English Literature (8702) and English Language (8700). A detailed breakdown of the specifications can be found at: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english> (if you scroll to the bottom of the page the links to the qualification can be found there) and there is more general information regarding the examinations at: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/student-support/for-parents>

Another useful website to support students' revision is the BBC one at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/examspecs/zcbchv4>

We hope that this information is of use to you in supporting your child's learning. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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