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Dear Parent/Carer,

Letter to Year 11 Parents: Supporting Your Child's Revision in GCSE English Language and Literature

I hope this letter finds you well. As our Year 11 students continue their preparations for the upcoming GCSE examinations, I want to ensure they have access to all the tools and resources necessary for effective revision in English Language and English Literature.

To support their learning, the English Department have compiled a comprehensive range of resources, which are available on Microsoft Teams. These materials are designed to help students consolidate their understanding, practise essential skills, and build confidence ahead of their exams.

So that your child is supported to manage their time over the festive break well, I have put together a suggested revision schedule, which is available on our website here:

[https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/data/uploads/english/files/Year 11 Christmas Revision Schedule 2024.pdf](https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/data/uploads/english/files/Year_11_Christmas_Revision_Schedule_2024.pdf)

What's available on Microsoft Teams?

1. Revision Guides and Study Materials

- Breakdown of key concepts, essay structures, and exam techniques.
- Step-by-step guidance on answering exam-style questions.

• Possible Papers and Model Answers

- Access to past exam papers for both subjects.
- Model answers to demonstrate best practice in writing Grade 5-9 responses.

• Knowledge Organisers and Key Quotations

- Key vocabulary, terminology, and key phrases/writing frames essential for exam success.
- Quotations from core texts with explanations of how to use them effectively in essays.

How can students access these resources?

Students can access all these materials via the Year 11 Noticeboard on Microsoft Teams. We encourage students to check this regularly, as new resources and materials are frequently added. Teachers will also notify students of important updates and key revision opportunities via Teams.



How can your support at home?

- Encourage your child to set aside dedicated time for independent study and revision using the Teams resources, using the Christmas schedule that is available. We recommend at least an hour a day, with some days off for celebrating Christmas as well!
- Support them in using the past papers and practice questions to apply their learning – these should be timed responses, without access to books.
- Test students using their notes and our notes, and their flashcards – this quizzing can help to check what they remember and see where their gaps are.
- Remind them to contact their English teachers if they have any questions or would like further feedback on their practice responses.

We understand that Year 11 can be a challenging time, and we are committed to providing students with all the resources and guidance they need to succeed. Should you have any questions or require further support, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's English teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben West', with several horizontal strokes underneath.

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