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Dear Parent / Carer

Following the Year 10 mock results and discussion with your child's English teacher, we feel your child will benefit greatly by attending English revision sessions after school **every Thursday between 2.50-3.50pm** on the E corridor starting on the 6 October.

These sessions will focus on the skills, knowledge and understanding required for both the English Literature GCSE and the English Language GCSE which your child will be sitting in May – June next year.

As you may be aware, there are no longer controlled assessments or coursework in English Language or Literature so the more practise your son / daughter has in attempting exam style questions, the more likely they are to succeed in the new GCSEs. During the sessions, your child will work closely with members of the English Department to gain confidence writing exam responses that we hope will bring them closer to meeting their potential in these important subjects.

Students also have access to the English google classroom – the code for which is **gefdhb6**- in order to access the materials for each session as well as additional revision resources that will help them explore texts and develop their skills. Re reading the set texts as well as reading newspapers (they are asked to write about topical issues in the English Language exam) are both excellent ways of helping to improve performance in the exams.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that Grade 5 (the old C grade) in English and maths are an entry requirement for our sixth form, and many post 16 institutions. In addition, students who wish to study A level English language or literature, must have achieved at least a grade 6 in **both** language and literature at GCSE.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the sessions, or about the English GCSE as a whole.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Wardle  
Second in Department, English

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