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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 GCSE English Revision Sessions

I hope this message finds you well. As part of the school's English revision preparation for year 11 students, we will be delivering a series of afterschool revision sessions tailored to the requirements of the GCSE examinations across both English Language and Literature, starting in November.

The purpose of the upcoming revision is to support Year 11 students' ongoing work in the classroom, and to bolster their ongoing independent revision at home.

The revision sessions are designed to support the following:

- Recap of key topic knowledge and understanding of the different papers students will face in the summer, based on their classroom learning.
- Examination skills practice.
- Examination example and essay practice.
- Revision hints, tips and techniques to maximise their independent preparation for the summer examinations.

A list of the sessions and the days that they will be running can be found below:

Wed 12 th November	Language Paper 2	Yr 11 mocks week beginning 1 st and 8 th Dec Language Paper 2 Literature Paper 1
Wed 19 th November	Literature – Your choice: Macbeth or Jekyll and Hyde / A Christmas Carol	Yr 11 mocks week beginning 1 st and 8 th Dec Language Paper 2 Literature Paper 1
Wed 4 th February	Literature Paper 2	Modern text – An Inspector Calls / Animal Farm
Wed 11 th February	Literature Paper 2	Cluster Poetry – Love and Relationships / Power and Conflict
Wed 25 th February	Language Paper 1	Yr 11 core mocks: Language Paper 1 and 2: Week beginning 9 th March
Wed 4 th March	Language Paper 2	Yr 11 core mocks: Language Paper 1 and 2: Week beginning 9 th March

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Wed 18 th March	Literature Paper 2	Unseen Poetry
Wed 29 th April	Literature Paper 1	Macbeth or A Christmas Carol / Jekyll and Hyde

There is no need for students to sign up to any of the above sessions in advance. Students will be able to go to their normal classroom and teacher afterschool on the day of the chosen topic and there will always be space for them to attend.

Conversations about revision have already started with students in the classroom, so it is worth checking early on what steps students may already have taken or be taking to consolidate their classroom learning.

Homework remains a very important source of revision set by the teacher to maximise student understanding. Classroom teachers may also decide to organise other revision sessions with their class groups or individual students by invite, request or necessity as appropriate.

We hope you have found the information we have provided useful, and your child finds the series of revision sessions provided informative. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in contact with myself (mos@gilberd.com) or your child's classroom teacher at their e-mail address.

Yours faithfully

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