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Dear Parent/Carer

Following an excellent set of GCSE results this summer, the English department are very excited about taking your child through the final year of their GCSE courses in English Language and Literature. We are confident that we can offer your child all the teaching and learning that they need in class, in order to reach their full potential. As we were delighted with our department's GCSE results this summer, we believe that your child will contribute to our best results ever, next summer. However, the two GCSEs are very content-heavy and therefore regular practice of the skills required for each of the four exam papers, is also required outside of the lessons.

We would like to invite your child to "English Prep" on Wednesdays after school from 3.00-4.00pm to offer support as they prepare for the all-important examinations in the summer. This will take place in your child's English classroom whenever possible with their own English teacher and will allow us to personalise your child's needs. The "English Prep" session will serve as a quiet space to complete the weekly English homework tasks and/or gain help with specific areas of weakness that have been identified.

As an alternative, a master class in English will also run in the Curie Lecture Theatre. This will be a series of lectures aimed at those students with targets of 6 and above wishing to secure the very top grades.

No other subjects have scheduled revision sessions on Wednesdays to support us in having maximum impact on that day. We hope you will encourage your child to attend these important sessions as they have proven successful – it is of course those students who were committed to extra learning last year, that gained the most pleasing results in English.

Rather than recommend other companies' revision guides, we would like to provide your child with a bespoke revision guide, a substantial document that we have put together which covers all sections of the four exams in detail. What we believe we can add, that shop bought guides do not offer, is specific advice on how to revise for each topic. Our students need manageable chunks of regular revision and a checklist so they can monitor their progress, as well as full example questions to answer. The tasks provided will be monitored by the class teacher.

If you would like a copy of this bespoke revision guide, the cost is £4.00 and will go towards the cost of printing the guide and supplying the A4 Lever-Arch File and dividers. Payment should be made via WisePay. Students who are eligible for Pupil Premium are able to obtain a copy free of charge.

If you have any queries about this or how you can support your child in English this year, please feel free to contact myself, or your child's English teacher.

Yours faithfully

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YEAR 11 ENGLISH REVISION GUIDE

Student's Name: _____ **Tutor Group:** _____

- I would like to order an English Revision Guide.
- I have paid £4.00 on WisePay.
- My child is entitled to Pupil Premium and would like a free copy.

Signed: _____ **Parent/Carer**

Print Name: _____

Date: _____