

6 December 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that Year 11 students will be sitting formal mock examinations in English Language and English Literature in January. The **English Language** mock examination will take place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 9.15am** and the **English Literature** mock exam will take place on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am**. Students will be given details about where the examinations will take place before the end of term.

- The English Language mock exam is the whole of Paper 1: Fiction and Imaginative Writing. This exam will last 1 hour 45 minutes.
- The English Literature is a composite exam assessing 'Animal Farm' and the poetry cluster – either 'Relationships' or 'Conflict'. This exam will last 1 hour 30 minutes.

***Students will not be allowed to take any texts into the exam.***

The students will shortly be given a very detailed advice sheets that advise them what to revise and the best way to revise for these papers. I will also inform parents/carers when this information has been given to the students.

Following these mock exams, we will be analysing the results of all Year 11 students to evaluate their progress at this point in the course.

Following on from my previous presentation on 'Animal Farm', I would like to offer our Year 11 students a one-hour revision/ guidance lesson on exactly how to approach English Language Paper 1, so that they achieve the highest marks possible in the forthcoming mock examination on the 4<sup>th</sup> January. This session will take place in the school hall, at 3.30pm-4.30pm on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> in the main school hall.

Once again, I would urge all Year 11 students to attend as it is an excellent opportunity to have a detailed explanation/revision of how to answer this particular paper and I sincerely hope that your son/daughter is able to attend. The session will definitely help the students prioritise their learning in preparation for the mock exam and I will also be supplying handouts to make the revision process easier. I would be most grateful if your son/daughter informs their class teacher if they are intending to come to the session so that I have an idea about how many chairs to put out.

Please note that these mock examinations in January are **in addition** to the English/English Literature mock examinations that all Year 11 sit in March, they do not replace them. Further details about the content of these examinations will follow in due course.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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