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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Summer Exam Preparation

This year's Year 9 Summer Exam will be taking place next **Monday, 8 May at 9:00am**. We are writing home with some advice for revision and some key reminders before next week.

The exam will be **1 hour and 15 minutes**. It focuses on analytical skills that students have been building since Year 8 and have focused specifically on in this year's curriculum, especially with our study of, *Of Mice and Men*. This exam is designed to get students to apply these skills and prepare them for the exam experiences of Key Stage 4. Students will be given an unseen fiction extract and be asked to complete three questions.

This week in class we will be doing a revision lesson to round off the week, but we would encourage students to be revising at home. This should take the form of reviewing their work so far this year, particularly Part B of their Analytical Milestone assessment on *Of Mice and Men* (the longer question: "To what extent do you agree with this viewpoint...").

To further their revision, please find attached a **Summer Exam Practice Homework**. All students in Year 9 are being issued with this task as a way to enable them to revise purposefully. This should be completed for their last English lesson this week:

- **Thursday 4 May (Willow)**
- **Friday 5 May (Aspen & Maple)**

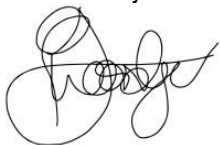
This homework task provides students with a new, unseen fiction extract and has an example of each question, plus reminders of timings for each question.

Students should:

- Review answer for Part B of your OMAM Milestone Assessment
- Read the attached extract.
- Write answers to Parts 1 and 2
- Plan answer for Part 3

Your support in encouraging revision skills and independent learning will stand students in really good stead for the challenges of the GCSEs. If you'd like any further guidance or have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at iwoodger@longsands.cambs.sch.uk .

Yours sincerely



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