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Dear Parent/Carer

### English Literature GCSE mock exam – 2pm, Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

I write to inform you of an **important exam preparation and revision** opportunity which the English department is able to offer all students ahead of their upcoming Literature GCSE exams in the w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> May. All students will sit two Literature exams but Paper 2 represents a substantial challenge as it covers 5 different Literature texts (a modern text and a total of 4 poems) in only 2hrs 15mins. For **most** students, this will be the longest exam they will sit and due to timetable constraints we haven't been able to offer them a full mock exam over the course of the 2hr 15min timeslot.

However, the early closure of the school for Year 8 consultations on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May provides a perfectly-timed opportunity for all Year 11 students to sit a full mock examination in the Sports Hall beginning at 2pm. The experience will be further enhanced by 'walking-talking mock' approaches at three key moments in the exam when an English teacher will provide students with 'examwise' information about question timings and critical annotation skills maximising both confidence and performance. **Students will receive grades and targets fed back by their class teacher** to support performance in the exam on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. As the Literature exams also test many of the same reading skills required for the Language papers in June, this exam will also provide a great revision opportunity for the Language GCSE.

I am fully aware that Mr Owen and the History Department had scheduled that there would be the second half of the History walking-talking mock exam taking place that day. However, following discussion between the English and History Departments, Mr Owen has generously allowed us to use this slot instead, given that the Literature exams are before half-term and will be sat by all students in the year group.

We hope that your child will see the value of this literature mock-exam experience – indeed, it is repeated requests from our students which has inspired us to run it – and we look forward to seeing them next Wednesday as outlined above. **As an extra incentive, we will be holding a prize draw at the end of next week's mock-exam for all students who attend to win 1 of 4 free tickets to the Year 11 Prom in July.**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher in the first instance.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Diggory  
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