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Year 11 English Assessments – Supporting Your Child's Success

Dear parents and carers,

I'm writing to share some important information about how we will be supporting your child's progress in English throughout Year 11.

To help students consolidate their learning and prepare effectively for their GCSEs, there will be **fortnightly English assessments** throughout the course of the year. These will focus on revisiting and strengthening key knowledge taught in Year 10, ensuring students build a strong foundation as they move toward their final exams.

For each assessment, students will receive a **help sheet** outlining the key learning for that topic. They will also be given time in lessons to begin their preparation and ask their English teachers for any further guidance. The remainder of the revision will be expected to be completed at home.

If a student's assessment indicates that they haven't yet met the standard we know they are capable of, they will be asked to **redraft their essay at home**, using the help sheet and revision cards to guide them. This is a valuable opportunity to address any gaps in knowledge as they arise, rather than letting them accumulate.

To ensure every student takes full advantage of this support, those who do not complete necessary redrafts will be required to attend a **subject detention**, where they can complete the work under supervision. This is a structured way of helping all students stay on track, preventing last-minute stress and cramming before the final exams.

Research – and our own experience – shows that **students who revise consistently and moderately throughout the year achieve better outcomes** than those who try to catch up at the last minute. Our ultimate goal is for all our students to open their results in August with pride and confidence, knowing their grades reflect their true potential.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Jessica Tracey-Hill