

27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### Extra English Literature Mock Exam Opportunity

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, your child is studying towards English Language AND English Literature GCSEs. English Literature is made up of two exam papers. Paper 2 is a large and complex paper lasting 2 hours and 15 minutes; students have to select the right exam questions related to the literary texts they have studied and answer 4 essay style questions.

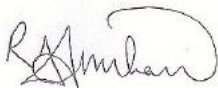
To support students in this, and so the exam strategy is fresh in their minds, **on Thursday 10th May** all Year 11s will sit a ‘Walking Talking Mock’ (WTM) exam in the Sports Hall. The WTM will follow the same protocol as any other mock exam: students will line-up outside in their exam rows before an invigilator starts the exam. However, the difference will be that I will be in the exam hall with them and will guide the students through the questions, giving them prompts and timings, as well as other English teachers being present to provide support. This was trialed last year with great success and has been refined further to have the most impact on the students’ final few weeks of revision.

In order to complete the WTM, students will miss **tutor time, Period 5** (an English lesson, or, for one class, a core PE lesson) **and an hour after school**. No other subject will be affected, but it does require the commitment of students to stay behind for an hour. As it is a Thursday, the students’ normal Thursday after school revision subjects will swap to the Wednesday for one week only.

Please encourage your child to stay for the hour after school so they have the full advantage of experiencing the complete exam. Some students, understandably, may have pre-arranged appointments and so will have to leave at 3.05, and will be asked to do so quietly and without fuss so that the integrity of the exam is not compromised.

If you would like to discuss the rationale for this WTM further then please contact me. If your child cannot stay for the full hour after school, then please inform me asap so I can make the invigilators aware.

Thank you for your support.



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