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Dear parents/carers,

## Year 11 Assessment Fortnight

As we come to the end of the first half term of Year 11, I would like to thank you for your support in helping your child settle back into life at Ripley after an extended absence. We have been pleased with the way most pupils have started their final GCSE year in English with a determination to do well.

Between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of November, Year 11 are going to have an assessment fortnight where they use lesson time to practise exam skills in all subjects. We have made the decision that pupils will complete two sections of each GCSE in English, allowing them to experience the quantity of work involved in a whole paper.

Pupils will sit the following sections for English Language:

- 20<sup>th</sup> century fiction reading
- Transactional writing

And the following for English Literature:

- Post-1914 play or prose (An Inspector Calls, Blood Brothers or Lord of the Flies)
- 19<sup>th</sup> century prose (Jekyll and Hyde)

These will allow them to complete an exam section on the topic they have been studying this half term and one for which they will need to revise, ensuring that they are beginning revision early.

Attached is a comprehensive guide to the assessments which has been sent to your child on Firefly. It includes information on each paper as well as advice on answering each section. There are also personal learning checklists and quizzes so that your child can test how much they know and identify any key areas for revision. For each section, there are some revision tasks and practice questions which can be used to prepare for the assessments.

In order to support your child, it would be helpful if you would read through the guide with them and look over their checklists and quizzes. Ask them if they can explain the areas they need to revise and what they will use to do this.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope your child is able to enjoy their extended half term as well as beginning to prepare for assessment fortnight.

Yours faithfully,  
Miss M Hayes  
Lead Practitioner; Key Stage 4 Manager, English

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