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Dear Parent/Guardian,

At the end of what has been another strange term, I wanted to get in touch to inform you about the summer work for your son/daughter's English Language A-Level course. As you are probably aware, non-exam assessment (coursework) counts for 20% of students' final grade in this subject. We have recently turned our attention towards the 'language investigation' piece, which is itself worth 10%. This is where students choose their own language-related topic (with teacher guidance), select relevant data and then analyse it in an essay.

By now, students should have submitted a proposal to me, giving an outline of what topic they would like to pursue. I have then given them individual feedback on how to collect their data for this, as this differs for each student depending on what they have chosen to investigate. I am asking them to collect this data over the summer as, while it is not a particularly difficult task, it can be quite time consuming. This task has been set on Firefly with clear instructions, and students should have received an email notification.

I would be grateful if you could check that your son/daughter is completing this work. If they do not, they will be putting themselves at quite a significant disadvantage from September when the focus will be on analysing the data they have collected. Given the disruption caused by the pandemic this year, I am sure you will agree that we want to make as smooth a start as possible to Year 13.

The deadline for the data collection element of the language investigation is **Friday, 3rd September**. Students should email the data to me at websterd@ripley.lancs.sch.uk either by attaching a Word document (if they have transcribed data for example) or by sending photos (if they are using data from newspapers, books, etc). Please be aware that this is just the initial element of this piece of coursework; the final deadline is not until Friday, 18th March 2022.

If students have any queries or problems with collecting their data, they should email me in good time at the above address. Additionally, please feel free to contact me via Parentline if you require any further advice.

Thank you in anticipation for your support with this. I hope you and your family have a good summer.

Yours faithfully,

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