

JS/AG/Year 11 EN1- intervention letter
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Year 11 – Dr J Swift - English Class

Dear Parents / Carers

As you know the final exams for GCSE English Literature and Language are now only months away. To that end there are several things that need to occur for your child to be successful in the final exams.

Your child should be re-reading the literature texts that have been studied in class: *Macbeth*, *An Inspector Calls*, *The Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and the poetry anthology: *Power and Conflict*. By now your child should have their own copies of these texts. The school supplies the poetry anthology.

Your child needs to use his/her class-notes and sites such as BBC-Bitesize and Spark-notes to inform revision. Suitable revision topics are: characters, themes, plot; writers' techniques and purposes; AO3 – social and historical context. Revision of these areas will occur in class but all students must be working at home on revising and re-reading the literature texts. The more familiar they are with the texts the more confident and successful they will be in the exams. Wider reading of a range of texts is also advised.

Intervention classes will run every Thursday 3:05 pm – 4:00 pm beginning this week. Students have been informed of this. These sessions will focus on refining skills and understanding, and are designed to improve the quality of written responses. These intervention sessions are not just about revision but focused on improving skills and your child, as a member of the top set, needs to be in a position to achieve their high target by close attention to essay structures, word choices, and developing detailed intelligent responses to the various tasks on the four exams.

I am also offering drop-in times for students who wish to discuss matters on a 1:2:1 basis. These are from 7:30 am - 8:30 am every morning, and after school on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:05 pm - 3:30 pm.

Your support in these final months is crucial to the success of your child. Please ensure they are re-reading and revising the set texts as well as completing homework tasks. Everything we do is focused on exam preparation. Please encourage them to attend the Intervention sessions and ensure they do not miss any lessons. Their success in English is vital to the next stages of their education.

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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