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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 Examinations English Literature 2021

As you know, students in Year 10 will be taking their English Literature exams very soon. This exam has been adapted to take in to account the effect of Covid 19, with two entire sections being removed. This means that students have three texts to revise and additional time for one of the exams (separate from any extra time they may also be entitled to).

I just wanted to take the opportunity to ensure you are familiar with the dates and contents of the exams and where students can access further help.

Key Dates:

- **Wednesday 25th May 9am - Paper 1: Macbeth and An Inspector Calls**
- **Wednesday 8th June 9am – Paper 2: A Christmas Carol**

Contents of the papers:

Paper 1 – Macbeth (55 minutes for two questions)

Extract question (20 marks) – students need to analyse the language looking for techniques used by Shakespeare and say how they effect the reader i.e. Shakespeare uses rhetorical questions to show Macbeth’s confusion.

Essay question (20 marks) – students need to show their understanding of the rest of the play (not the extract already looked at) by writing about an idea linked to the extract they have just read. They need to include key context i.e. The Divine Right of Kings, Witchcraft, Views of Masculinity (patriarchy) and Femininity in King James’ I reign.

Paper 1 – An Inspector Calls (55 minutes for one question)

Essay question (40 marks) – students need to show their understanding of the whole play and the context of the time it was written in. They may be asked to write about a character or theme from the play and explain why Priestly has included them. They will also be marked for spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) in this answer.

Paper 2 - A Christmas Carol (1 hour 15 minutes for two questions)

Extract question (20 marks) –students need to analyse the language looking for techniques used by Dickens and say how they effect the reader i.e. a list of negative adjectives has been used to describe how dark the area is.

Essay question (20 marks) - students need to show their understanding of the rest of the novel (not the extract already looked at) by writing about an idea linked to the extract they have just read. They do not need to talk about context for this novel.

Where to access extra help:

Students are busy revising in class and we appreciate your support in keeping them focused on this. Additionally, there are resources on Teams, such as timed response that can be completed and handed in to teachers, Century Tech and a wealth of video lessons on YouTube and Oak Academy. Students can also speak to their teachers about extra revision available to them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Starling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'E' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.

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