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Dear Parent/Guardian

Following the changes to the GCSE specification for English Language and Literature, it is essential that pupils take regular mock examinations to enable staff to make accurate assessments of progress and also to recreate the examination experience for the candidates, allowing them to practise writing in timed conditions and to prepare them for the conditions they will face in Year 11.

As such, I wish to inform you that your child will be taking two examinations that replicate GCSE English Language papers. Paper 1 will be taken on the afternoon of Thursday, 10 December. Pupils will eat lunch during period 4 so that they can begin their examination at 1.25pm and complete it by 3.10pm. Paper 2 will be taken on the morning of Friday 11 December (9.00am – 10.45am).

Your child's English teacher will advise him/her on how best to prepare for the examination, but please do encourage your child to revise for these examinations at home. To help support your child, you could:

- Ensure all English homework is completed
- Encourage your child to read newspapers or articles from magazines
- Encourage your child to read extracts from novels
- Encourage your child to practise writing; they will need to be able to write an argument and a description. Spelling, punctuation and grammar need to be accurate.

If you have any queries about the forthcoming English mock examinations, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01384 566598, or by email: [elisabeth.whittle@oatforge.co.uk](mailto:elisabeth.whittle@oatforge.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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