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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the half term holiday year 11 students will have a final opportunity to practise the GCSE Language exam papers under exam conditions, receiving targeted feedback from their class teacher, the English department and PiXL.

The exams will be broken into four sessions over the first four weeks after half term, taking place during Friday's period 1 lesson, each targeting a different section of the exam. These will be:

- 23rd February – GCSE Language paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing - section A
- 2nd March – GCSE Language paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing - section B
- 9th March – GCSE Language paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing - section A
- 16th March - GCSE Language paper 2: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing - section B

It is crucial that, in the run up to the final exams, students receive targeted support from both school and home. In addition to the provision in the classroom, the English department are running revision sessions on a Thursday between 3.10 and 4.10 and would appreciate your support in ensuring that they are regularly attended by students.

A major component of the GCSE is to test students' ability to respond, both emotionally and analytically, to a text whilst using their own judgement. We would therefore also be grateful if you could support us in encouraging your son/daughter to read more widely and consistently outside of school in order to better prepare for the exams.

Their final English exams will take place on:

- 22nd May: English Literature, paper 1
- 25th May: English Literature, paper 2
- 5th June: English Language GCSE, paper 1
- 8th June: English Language GCSE, paper 2

If you have any concerns or questions regarding how to best support students at home then please don't hesitate to contact either me or any one of the English teachers.

Yours faithfully

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