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Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE English Language and Literature Revision

Your child is studying for two GCSEs in English; Literature and Language. As English is both a knowledge and skills-based subject, some students are unsure about how to approach revision. This can be challenging for parents/carers who want to support them. To address this, outlined below are the key resources available along with a description of how your child has been taught to use them.

Exam Preparation and In-House Resources

The most important source of revision is your child's exercise book and their copy of the set texts. These contain notes, key events and modelled annotations/examples. Your child can choose extracts from the text to complete exam style questions and find key quotations to support exam style questions. Their teacher will guide your child in the best ways to use these as purposeful revision.

Your child has also been given:

- a quotation revision guide for each text, which can be used to learn the quotes.
- two homework booklets with mock papers bound together for the Language paper. This contains examples of each question they will come across.

Online Resources

Educake: is an online platform where students set their own revision questions, including quotes and key events. Your child has previously used this platform as homework. Their login details are in their planner.

Drama Online: The National Theatre's online screening of Macbeth can be accessed here: [Macbeth](#). Your child's login details are written in their planner (please note that, due to licensing agreements, these must not be shared with anyone outside of school). Watching either the full or abridged version will support your child's understanding of the play.

The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde: An audio version of Jekyll and Hyde is available here: [Jekyll and Hyde](#). We recommend that your child re-reads the novel with the audio version as support.

An Inspector Calls: is available here: [An Inspector Calls](#). This will enable your child to see the play's events in front of them, as an audience.

BBC Bitesize: is a free resource that contains information and model examples for both English Language and Literature.

Finally, we offer the opportunity to purchase revision guides through ParentPay should you wish.

Please do contact me should you wish to discuss this any further on hmn@cardinalheenan.com.

Kind regards

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