



December

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that the mock examinations have gone well for your son/daughter and that all of the revision was supportive and beneficial.

Over the Christmas holidays, a well-earned break is obviously recommended by the English department!

Perhaps your son/daughter could take some quiet time out amongst the Christmas chaos to re-read the very festive *A Christmas Carol* or *Jane Eyre*, depending on their class, accompanied by a hot chocolate and a mince pie, or watch one of the film versions as a memory aid.

Tasks (and revision lessons) on the poetry anthology will follow in January so now is also a good time to ensure there are no holes in their notes in the poems for any reason. Your son/daughter has been provided with a very comprehensive revision guide, put together by the BLS staff, on the poems we've studied to aid their revision. If they have lost their anthology, it is essential that they ask their teacher for another copy before the end of term so that they can annotate the poems as soon as possible.

Once your son/daughter has received their results after the holidays, teachers will go through the papers with the students and explore errors and misunderstandings with their classes to help them reflect on their exams.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Mrs A Sharman

Head of Department