



February

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This month, we have provided study materials on 'Macbeth' and 'Much Ado about Nothing'. Your son/daughter should know which text applies to them. A re-read of the play is important, but watching it alongside the script or listening to an audio adaptation would make the task easier for those who struggle. There is a rather gruesome and modern adaptation of 'Macbeth' starring Patrick Stewart which is close to the original text in its use of dialogue. And Emma Thompson as Beatrice in Much Ado about Nothing is particularly fun. Though these films allow students to hear and see dialogue spoken, detailed reference to them in exams must be avoided.

As the mock examinations approach in mid-March, we would like to see more students attending the weekly revision sessions that are organised by the department. These are useful particularly when students do not know how to revise independently. More revision sessions will follow the closer we approach the summer exams. It is highly unlikely that your son/daughter can complain of having nothing to do.

To help prepare, below is a list of the content for the mocks.

Language Paper 1 – Section A - Reading Text on a piece of fiction
1hr 45 mins Section B – Creative Writing

Literature Paper 1 – Section A – Shakespeare (Macbeth or Much Ado...)
1hr 45 mins Section B – Dickens (A Christmas Carol or Great Expectations)

Once again, thank you for your support and if you need us, we are only on the other end of the phone.

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