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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you and your family have had a lovely Christmas and we wish you the very best for the New Year.

Your child should be receiving feedback on their first round of English mock exams at the moment. If they need more individual or detailed help, now is the time to seek out their English teacher to ask for advice on how to improve their grades.

This term, there will be another set of mock exams for core subjects in March. These will give students the opportunity to take an exam on the remaining literature texts (as well as the second language paper, for which teaching should now be starting). Therefore, this month, your child has revision tasks to complete on the Power and Conflict Poetry.

The attached activities should be done as a minimum; more personalised and independent revision should also be taking place. We recommend that your child compares their anthology with another student to ensure that the same amount of work has been completed. If not, any gaps need to be filled with the use of the revision guide provided by the school (York Notes and CGP are also recommended) and high quality revision websites such as BBC Bitesize. Videos on YouTube are a good source of knowledge, however the class teacher has the most useful and trusted advice; we regularly receive training and up-to-date information, whereas many videos online are unchecked by the exam board.

Before the next set of exams, they should have re-read *An Inspector Calls* as well. Now is a good to start this with a spare 10 minutes each day. There is no substitute for re-reading the text when it comes to knowledge of the themes, ideas and quotes; students who re-read the text several times before the exams are most likely to succeed in the summer. Miss Nash's class will be required to write an answer on *A Christmas Carol* – students should be using their revision guides to help them add to the notes they have been making in class.

As the final full term at school begins for your child, please may we thank you for your support and wish you all the best of luck in the forthcoming months.

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Yours faithfully

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