



Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As another school year draws to a close, the English Department would like to thank you for all your support this year. Your children have been working extremely hard on a challenging curriculum and we are very proud of how much they have risen to the challenge. We would like to take this opportunity before the summer break to give you some information regarding the GCSE English and GCSE English Literature course that your child will be studying over the next two years.

In Year 10, your child will cover the following:

English Language

Paper 1: Reading and Writing Literary Non-Fiction (Assessed by a 2 hour exam)

Paper 2: Reading and Writing Fiction (Assessed by a 2 hour exam)

English Literature

Paper 1: Modern Text and Nineteenth Century Novel (Assessed by a 2 hour exam)

Paper 2: Conflict poetry and Shakespeare (Assessed by a 2 hour exam) *

* We have studied Romeo and Juliet and 5 of the Conflict poems at the end of Year 9

Your child will need copies of the following texts:

Romeo and Juliet (they should have this already)

Poetry Anthology (they should have this already)

[Animal Farm](#) by George Orwell (Spring Term)

[A Christmas Carol](#) by Charles Dickens

If any students are entitled to PPM funding, please collect a copy of the text from the English office in September.

As with Key Stage 3, your child will complete half termly assessments on each area of the course. We will look at your child's current grade against their target grade and if your child requires additional support we will intervene as necessary. In addition to teacher input, our [Study Support Site](#) is an essential intervention tool. Alongside exam board materials, sample question papers, study guides and exemplar responses, we also have learning materials on [GCSE Pod](#)- all specifically designed to enable students to work independently, self-directed

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or directed by their teacher on any areas that require development. We really cannot stress enough the importance of this site for all GCSE students. There is far more emphasis on independent study at GCSE level and we expect your child to be working at home for at least one hour a week for English Language and one hour a week for English Literature.

In order to give your child a head start in Year 10, we suggest that students should read A Christmas Carol, a link to a digital copy can be found [here](#). It helps to write the key moment of the plot at the top of each page, add any comments about characters along the sides of the page and highlight any key quotes, this can be done in a separate google doc if they are awaiting their own copy. All students in Y10 will be additionally studying Animal Farm, along with Romeo and Juliet and the Conflict Poems.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a wonderful, restful summer break. We look forward to working with you and your child next academic year.

Yours faithfully

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