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Dear Parent/Carer

With mock examinations fast approaching for Year 11, I am writing to inform you about revision sessions for GCSE English Language and English Literature. I am offering regular revision classes on Mondays after school from 3.00-4.00 p.m. in E.20, starting from 17.09.18. These sessions will run on a weekly basis unless I am required to attend meetings. In the autumn term, the revision sessions will focus on English Language Paper 1 and English Literature set texts. We are also studying 'Jekyll and Hyde' in class. Students will be rewarded with ADDS points for attending a session.

### English Mock Exams

Year 11 students will complete 2 papers – one for English Language and one for English Literature. In the May/June GCSE examinations, students will sit 4 papers – two for English Language and two for English Literature.

	Texts	Skills
English Language Paper 2	Unseen non-fiction texts i.e. an extracts from news articles/journals 50% of marks for reading/understanding 50% of marks for writing	Understanding explicit and implicit information Analysing the writer's use of language, structure and perspective Writing to explain/argue/persuade Accuracy with spelling, punctuation, grammar and paragraphing
English Literature Paper 1	'Jekyll and Hyde' 50% 'Romeo and Juliet' 50% Both texts will have extract-based questions but students also need to show understanding of whole text.	Understanding the context of the text i.e. social/cultural/literary background Analysing the writer's use of language and structure to convey character and theme

Our experience from the previous year 11 cohorts has shown that independent revision is vital. At home, we would encourage students to make a start now on a regular programme of revision. Students can use revision guides purchased as well as free material placed on Firefly or Twitter@ArnewoodEnglish. For any workbooks or guides purchased, we recommend that students set themselves 4-6 pages per week to work through for English Language and a further 4-6 pages for one of the set text guides for English Literature.

As a department, we want our students to achieve the best results possible; hard work over the next few months will pay off in August.

Yours faithfully

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