

Dear Parents and Carers of pupils in Y11,

My name is Mr. Fraser and I am the Director of English at Malet Lambert School.

I am writing to you today to keep you updated with all things 'GCSE English'. My aim is to send you a monthly bulletin packed with news, useful revision tips for both you and your child and share some fantastic websites for revision.

Our Y11 cohort have got off to a fantastic start and are currently enjoying reading *An Inspector Calls* for three lessons a week and revisiting 'Language Paper Two: Writers' viewpoints and perspective' for two lessons a week.

### **GCSE Literature – Where are we?**

'An Inspector Calls' by J.B Priestley is the final new text we cover for their Literature GCSE. After October half term, we turn back to revising *A Christmas Carol*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Power and Conflict Poetry* and *Unseen Poetry*.

### **GCSE Language – Where are we?**

Pupils are working their way back through the five questions on 'Language Paper Two: Writers' viewpoints and perspective'. Pupils have covered this paper before, in the spring term of Y10. However, we now begin to hone and finetune the skills required for this paper.

### **An Inspector Calls Theatre Trip**

*An Inspector Calls* is coming to Hull New Theatre! We were lucky enough to snap up 185 tickets for the afternoon performance on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2025. All Y11 pupils have been given letters for this production. Please be advised that the permission slip must be returned and the ticket paid for via ParentPay to guarantee one of the 185 tickets.

### **Literature Homework – Carousel Learning**

Every Thursday, all Y11 teachers are setting homework on a platform called 'Carousel Learning'. This homework can be found on their English Google Classroom. The homework consists of 15 questions that challenges their understanding of the above Literature texts. The questions ask pupils to retrieve their knowledge on plot, characters, themes and quotations. If done correctly, it is fantastic retrieval work in preparation for their Literature GCSEs.

### **Tuesday Homework and Revision Club**

Every Tuesday lunchtime, I run an 'English Homework and Revision Club' for all Y11 pupils in my classroom (1156). Pupils can sit down with friends and challenge one another's knowledge of Literature with CGP question cards, make revision resources, complete their homework on Chromebooks or pick up a Language/Literature past paper to hone their essay writing. I am there on standby to help pupils who would look guidance and support. This club will continue every Tuesday until we say farewell to our Y11 classes!

### **Useful Revision Link of the Month**

Every letter, I am going to send you some of our favourite websites to use for English revision and any useful resources.

**PMT** – Although the website is called 'Physics and Maths Tutor', this website has some brilliant English resources! Below is a link to the texts that we cover, it offers some brilliant character and thematic profiles for each text:

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/gcse-aqa/>

Please ensure that you select the 'AQA' revision materials. We cover the following texts: *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Christmas Carol*, *An Inspector Calls*, *Power and Conflict Poetry* and *Unseen Poetry*.

**Making the most of Literature Revision**

I fully appreciate that your child may be a little unsure about how to start revising for English Literature. It can all feel very overwhelming. Please see attached the document called 'Malet Lambert English Department *Making the most of Literature Revision*'.

All strategies have been broken down into three manageable steps to help pupils effectively revise for GCSE English Literature. Please have a read of this and if you have any questions about the document, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your time and speak again soon!

Mr Fraser