

Monday 17th September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we begin this new academic year, it is important that Year 11 students understand that their revision and preparation for their final examinations during the summer term in 2019 starts now. As I am sure you are aware, a majority of Year 11 students have already completed their English Literature GCSE at the end of Year 10; the results of which were very pleasing with over 70% achieving a pass at grade 4 and above. Your support in the build up to these exams was greatly appreciated and we are looking forward to improving on these impressive results next summer.

In supporting students' preparations for the challenges of the year ahead, the English department at Trinity Catholic College will be conducting GCSE English Language practice exams at the end of every half term. These examinations will help teachers to effectively measure your son's/daughter's progress and assist in establishing the next steps to be taken by both teachers and students. Please see dates and details below. Full details will shortly be given to all Year 11 students.

Term	Paper	Date	Location
1a	Paper 1	Monday 22nd October and Tuesday 23rd October	In class
1b	Paper 1 and Paper 2	Year 11 Assessment Week (w/c 10th and 17th December)	Sports Hall
2a	Paper 2	Monday 11th February and Tuesday 12th February	In class
2b	Paper 1 and Paper 2	Paper 1 - Monday 1st April and Tuesday 2nd April Paper 2 - Thursday 4th April and Friday 5th April	In class
3a	Paper 1 and Paper 2	Paper 1 - Tuesday 7th May and Wednesday 8th May Paper 2 - Thursday 9th May and Friday 10th May	In class

It is essential that all students use their time carefully in preparing for these half termly exams. Revision activities will be taking place in school; however, dedicated time to prepare also needs to be set aside at home. This will allow students to complete revision activities set by their teachers as well as using the time to make and revise from their own revision notes and revision guides. By beginning the revision process as early as possible, students will be in good habits as they approach their external examinations next summer.

Please encourage your son / daughter to fully revise for these exams and do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any concerns or queries.

Your faithfully

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