



20th January 2017

Dear Parent/Carers,

Year 11 After-School English Revision

On THURSDAYS, from 3.30-4.30pm, the English department will run after-school revision sessions leading up to the GCSEs in May. Please see below a list of the topics covered each week.

In Terms 3 and 4 we will focus on the transactional and creative writing components for the English Language GCSE, including spelling, punctuation and grammar. In Term 5 we will revisit the set texts for the English Literature papers.

We strongly encourage all students to attend as many sessions as they can, and they can choose which session to attend each week by selecting the area they are least confident in. Please do encourage your child to attend the most relevant session for them each week. There will also be a copy of this list in the English corridor if students forget what is on.

	Mrs Pakeman	Dr Thomas
26.01.17	Transactional Writing Skills: organising and developing ideas + Informal Letter Writing	Creative Writing: planning; structure and form; content; responding to titles = communication and organisation
02.02.17	Transactional Writing Skills: sentence structures and punctuation skills + Formal Letters e.g. a letter of complaint	Creative Writing: writing for effect - varied sentence structures and a range of punctuation.
09.02.17	Transactional Writing Skills: writing for effect using rhetorical devices + Formal Letters e.g. letter to the editor	Creative writing: writing for effect: rhetorical devices and an ambitious vocabulary.
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23.02.17	Punctuation Clinic: apostrophes and direct speech	Speeches: persuasive writing
02.03.17	Spelling Clinic: strategies and aide memoires	Reports: informative writing
09/03/17	Newspaper articles; informative writing	Leaflets: writing to advise
16/03/17	Magazine articles: inform & entertain	Tabloid newspapers: inform
23/03/17	Concluding lesson on Writing paper: students' request/teachers' choice	
31/03/17	Non-fiction Reading Paper practice	Non-fiction Reading Paper practice
06/04/17	Non-fiction Reading Paper practice	Non-fiction Reading Paper practice

These sessions are intended to supplement the student's own revision sessions, not to replace them. Students should have their own revision objectives and should use the wide variety of resources available in the form of revision guides, on line resources and websites. Please consult St Mark's revision booklet for further information. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and would like help with the purchase printed resources, please do contact us. If you have any questions regarding this, or any other area of your child's English exams, please do not hesitate to contact me on pakemans@st-marks.org.uk or Dr Thomas on thomasj@st-marks.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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