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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

RE: SUPPORT FOR GCSE ENGLISH

We are writing to you with information to help support both you and your child as they navigate their final year at Chase Terrace Academy.

All pupils will sit two GCSE's which are with the exam board Edexcel. They will sit a GCSE in Literature and one in Language. The breakdown of the papers is as below:

Literature		**Language**	
Paper 1: Macbeth and An Inspector Calls 50% of overall mark	Paper 2: A Christmas Carol, Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry 50% of overall mark	Paper 1: Fiction and creative (story) writing 40% of overall mark	Paper 2: Non-Fiction and Transactional writing (guide, letter, review, report, speech, article). 60% of overall mark

In order to support your child, I wanted to draw your attention to the support on offer:

1. Homework - set on Show My Homework- fortnightly revision style tasks for both language and literature and one written piece per half term.
2. Revision tasks - set weekly on Show My Homework- offer resources and examples of revision activities. Great for pupils who may struggle with where to start!
3. Intervention - running from week beginning 22nd September. Every Thursday from 3pm until 3:30pm. Pupils can choose from one of six options and then must attend 5 weeks of sessions. Further details released to pupils.
4. English website - can be accessed through the ICT services tab on the school website and has lots of revision resources.
5. GCSE pod - offers short, bite-size videos for revision of literature and language.
6. Past papers- accessible on Physics and Maths tutor or pupils can speak to their English teacher.
7. YouTube - Mr Bruff and Mary Meredith are well recommended for support with GCSE.

The first set of trial exams will commence on 10th November. Pupils will sit Language Paper 2 and Literature Paper 2.

We are really keen to see your child achieve well across their final year and in their final GCSE's in summer, therefore, if there is anything else you feel your child may need or any questions you may have, please get in touch: h.pickerill@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk.

Kind regards,

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