



6 December 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 – English PPE

We are writing to inform you about the upcoming English Literature PPE exam scheduled for Wednesday 17 January 2024, which will be undertaken by our Year 11 students. This examination will be a 2-hour 15-minute paper. In total students will answer four questions in two sections:

- Section A: Students will analyse an extract from the 19th century novel they have been studying in class and then write about a theme in the novel.
- Section B: Students will write a comparison of two poems from the poems they have studied in the anthology (only one poem is provided, students must quote from the other second poem from memory) and then compare two poems which they have not prepared.

As well as studying the required in class, we also prepare them by walking them through typical examination questions and guiding them to structure their answers using strategies designed to improve their grade. Given the length of the paper, effective time management is crucial, and we will conduct timed questions during lessons.

To further support your child's preparation, we recommend the following revision strategies:

- Structured Study Plans. Students have poems and a novel to read and re-read. They must learn quotations, context for the poems and be able to identify the main techniques used. They must allow adequate revision time for each text.
- Active Revision Techniques. Research shows that active learning is more effective than passive learning. Therefore, we suggest engaging your child in activities such as flashcards, mind maps, and teaching concepts to others. These techniques promote a deeper understanding and better retention of information.
- Using class notes. Students will have had the opportunity to annotate their texts with notes about techniques and themes as well as writing extensively about these in their exercise books. They should use these to produce their flashcards and mind maps etc.
- Use the English Revision Google Classroom (<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTY0NTI1OTM5NzAy?cjc=na3q3qe>) This has links to past papers and advice on how to use past papers for English, lots of high-quality revision materials and links to revision materials which are best to use with our exam board. There is also detailed guidance on the PPEs and the skills required for each question.

We appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring that our students are well-prepared for this important examination. Your encouragement and involvement in their revision process play a

crucial role in their academic success. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We wish all our Year 11 students the best of luck in their preparations and performance in the upcoming English Literature PPE exam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Terry', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Ms K Terry
Head of KS4 English