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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am pleased to be writing to make you aware of the support that the English Department is now able to extend to our Year 10 students, as they continue their GCSE programme of study.

Firstly, we will be running a series of study sessions, which will support them in successfully using the structure of language in their writing, to build the skills needed in the writing element of their GCSE language course. These study sessions run on a Tuesday and a Wednesday from 3-4pm with one of our English Core Progress Assistants, Mrs Poynter.

The same session will run on a Tuesday and Wednesday to give students the best possible chance of attending, as numbers are limited to fifteen students. For any session, students must sign up in advance at Room 913, where they will also be able to see what is being covered on a weekly basis. It is vitally important that your son/daughter ensures they do this so that we can keep accurate registers and implement our track and trace procedures if this becomes necessary.

I have attached the session timetable for the first half of the Autumn term below for your reference. The sessions correlate with what will be covered on the English curriculum for Year 10 across this term, so students can choose the sessions they feel would most benefit them in light of what they have been studying in class. Please do contact your son/daughter's English teacher if you would like further guidance on which sessions would be most appropriate.

Additionally, the English department will be offering a Breakfast Club on Tuesday mornings between 7:40am – 8:25 am in Room 914. This is an opportunity for your son/daughter to start their day with some additional support from Mrs Quick. Your son/daughter may wish to come with an area of their GCSE study that they would like to focus on in mind, or they are welcome to attend for help and support with their self-study or classwork.

If you would like any further information on the support offered by the English department, please do not hesitate to contact me or your son/ daughter's teacher at the school.

We look forward to welcoming your son/daughter to these sessions.

Yours faithfully

Miss J Curtin-Sewell  
Intervention Co-ordinator  
English Department

**Year 10 Study Sessions**  
**Tuesday and Wednesday 15:00-16:00**  
**Room 913**

**A Literature Focus**

**Autumn 1**

Date	Focus	Room
Week 1 Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd September	Macbeth: Who is Shakespeare and why did he write the play Macbeth?	913
Week 2 Tuesday 28h & Wednesday 29th September	Macbeth: Witchcraft and the supernatural. Opening scene of Macbeth and the audience's reaction.	913
Week 3 Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th October	Macbeth: How is Macbeth presented in Act 1 S2? How does Shakespeare introduce the theme of deception?	913
Week 4 Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th October	Macbeth: Lady Macbeth's soliloquy and opinion of her husband?	913
Week 5 Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th October	Macbeth: Examining Macbeth's Act 1 Scene 7 soliloquy.	913