

BGR/jr

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your son/daughter to Year 11 in English here at Wildern. Year 11 is the culmination of their five-year journey with us, and over the course of the year your son/daughter will practise and consolidate the skills that will underpin the English Language and Literature examinations at the end of Year 11. Students will come to Year 11 with a secure understanding of *An Inspector Calls*, *Macbeth* and the *Power and Conflict* anthology, as well as how to approach both of their English Language papers. Students will continue to develop their understanding of the exam requirements through modelling and timed practice, both in class and for self-study.

Here is an overview of what students will cover in their final year:

Students will spend the Autumn term in Year 11 looking at *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* – the final text they have yet to study for GCSE Literature. Throughout this module, they will read the entire novel and gain a deep understanding of the plot, characters, themes and contexts as well as how to apply this to writing an essay. We are asking students to provide their own copies of the text to support their study – we would recommend the Wordsworth Classics Edition for the useful foreword and additional essays. Students should also have their copies of *Macbeth* and *An Inspector Calls* from their study of these texts in Year 10. Copies will be provided for those students in receipt of Pupil Premium. There are many cheap ways of buying texts: *World of Books* sells second hand books with free postage - <https://www.worldofbooks.com/en-gb>, as does [awesomebooks.com](https://www.awesomebooks.com). Amazon will sell new versions of the texts, but there are also second hand books available, just look for 'used' under the main advertised price.

In Spring, students will return to 'An Inspector Calls' for a more in-depth study of this text, in which we will explore the key themes and continue to develop your son/daughter's essay responses. Further to this, for the remainder of your son/daughter's time with us, we will revisit the key components of the Language and Literature examinations in a 'content carousel' to aid their revision.

Self-study will be set on a weekly basis and will take approximately 60 minutes, in addition to revision that they should be completing independently. In Year 11, these self-study tasks will primarily comprise of practice paper questions to give students the confidence in approaching their examinations. Your support in ensuring that this is completed is much appreciated.

The Parent Handbook for English contains full details of the curriculum that your son/daughter will be studying this year, as well as useful links to extra-curricular activities that may interest them and advice on how you can support them across this year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs B Rooney
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