

Monday 31 October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, the mock GCSE examination cycle is taking place week commencing 7th November and we endeavour to allow students to experience and prepare for these assessments in the same manner in which they would their GCSE examinations in Summer 2023. We have high expectations and aspirations for all students and these assessments are crucial in tailoring our teaching and interventions to suit the students' needs. Therefore, I am writing to you to enlist your support in ensuring that your child is revising regularly and productively outside of school hours as well ensuring they have a positive attendance rate to school and lessons too.

Punctuality is also crucial as many students have been placed in an English intervention tutor group where their knowledge gaps are filled for twenty minutes every morning- building in an extra hour of support across the week.

In addition to five hours of Core English lessons a week, most of our students have timetabled additional support including additional English lessons (between two to three hours a week) and specialist tutor support for small group intervention.

This week, all students have been provided with the details of their mock examinations for English. This is outlined in the table below for your information.

Tuesday 8th November	Thursday 10th November	Tuesday 15th November
Language Component 1	Literature Component 1	Language Component 2
20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing	Shakespeare (Macbeth) and Poetry (Anthology)	19th & 21st Century Non Fiction Reading and Persuasive Writing

In order to prepare for the assessments, students must be revising regularly in small chunks. In order to support students, English teachers have delivered a 'study skills' session where students have been shown key strategies to aid their revision.

All revision material and links to our Outwood English revision website and Seneca Learning have been provided via students' Google Classrooms for ease. Seneca and Google Classroom can be downloaded as an app on any electronic device too. Assignments for revision will be set via these platforms and monitored for engagement and progress on a weekly basis.

In addition to this, if students do not have access to electronic devices outside of school, revision resources have been carefully selected and given to students in a physical booklet form to support them with revision tasks.

After the half term break, students will also be required to attend Enrichment on a Monday, 2.30pm - 3.30pm, for English, to support their revision and knowledge of content. Computer access will also be available for students to progress through their online units of learning.

I thank you in advance for your support during this crucial year in your child's education. If you require additional information or have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher or me via the school phone number or via email at a.hussain@bishopsgarth.outwood.com.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Hussain', is centered on a white rectangular background.

Alisha Hussain

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