



9th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We look forward to meeting with you at the upcoming Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 26th March. This is an important opportunity to discuss your student's progress in English and to ensure they are fully prepared for the forthcoming mocks and GCSE examinations.

Ahead of your meeting, please note the following information.

English Mock Exams

The Year 10 exams will begin the week of April 13th. Students have been actively preparing for these exams in class and have been provided with a variety of resources to support their revision.

Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th century novel – Wednesday 6th May

- Romeo and Juliet (34 marks) and A Christmas Carol (30 marks)
- 1 hour 45 minutes
- Extracts are provided but students must also speak about elsewhere in the text so memorisation of moments and quotes is crucial.
- Revise PEEL paragraph structure and focus on writer's intentions and reasons for deliberate choices. Revise thesis statements/introduction paragraphs and ensure you are using subject terms. Use the exams website to practise past papers.

Language Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives – Friday 8th May

- 1 hour 45 minutes
- The reading section focuses on comprehension and analysis, with questions that range in difficulty, progressing from basic understanding to more detailed analysis of language and structure. (40 marks)
- The writing section asks students to write a persuasive or argumentative piece in response to a prompt which tests their ability to write clearly and effectively, organise their ideas logically and use persuasive techniques. (40 marks)
- Use the exams website to practise past papers, review your notes and booklets provided in class.

How can my child revise for English?

- Visit the two faculty websites, which host key revision materials including revision checklists, exam practise papers and free downloadable resources
- <https://Stanboroughenglish.Wixsite.com/Exams>
- Free resources are available in the LRC, including revision guides and past paper materials
- Online masterclasses, accessible via the faculty website, focusing on exam skills and key content, delivered by HertsForLearning. For upcoming masterclasses, please visit <https://www.hfleducation.org/school-improvement/secondary/gcse-english-maths-science-remote-revision-support-2026>
- Set texts have been distributed to all students.
- Audiobooks can support revision by helping students consolidate their understanding through listening, making it easier to revisit key ideas while travelling, walking or relaxing.

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We strongly encourage students to engage fully with these resources and to begin consistent, focused revision in preparation for the May examinations. Your support at home, particularly in helping students maintain a regular revision routine, can make a significant difference.

We look forward to meeting you at Parents Evening and working together to support students through this important stage of their education. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the English Faculty.

Yours faithfully,



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