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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **RE: Revision sessions**

As we step ever closer to your child's GCSEs, we recognise the importance of early revision. To ensure your child has a positive experience in exam season, we have arranged bespoke revision sessions for all year 10 students.

**Date:** Wednesday 7 June from 4pm – 6pm

**Venue:** City of Peterborough Academy

**Dress code:** smart/casual

We would love for you to attend these sessions with your child.

On the day, we will run a short introduction in the main hall before we direct you to our workshops.

There, we will have all five members of the Year 10 English team to meet you, each working on different skills and exam questions and different methods of revision. In each session, there will be opportunities for you drop in on, ask questions of and learn about your child and their English study.

### **Update on Year 10 English**

In order to help you to support your child, we would like to update you on what your child has been studying in English so far this year. We do not expect you to be an expert in English; conversations with your child about what they are learning is a great starting point.

For English Language, students have been working on both Language Paper 1 and Paper 2. For English Literature, students have focused on the study of *An Inspector Calls*, *Macbeth*, five of the fifteen *Power and Conflict Anthology* poems (*Ozymandias*, *Storm on the Island*, *The Prelude*, *London* and *Tissue*). In the coming weeks, students will be working with unseen poetry.

As a reminder, all year 10 students have been provided with a range of free revision tools in the form of guides and books which have been fully funded by COPA- please direct them to use them.

All students also have free access to GCSE Pod which in many cases can make 1-2 grades of progress when used regularly to top up classroom learning.

### **June Mock Exams**

Your child should be revising already in preparation for their upcoming GCSEs in year 11 as well as the upcoming mock exams, which will take place during the week of the **19 of June**.

These mock exams provide us with an indication of your child's progress and allow us to predict their grades for GCSE.

During this PPE, students will be assessed on Language Paper 2. They will also be doing parts of the Literature exams: *Macbeth* (Literature Paper 1, Section A) and Unseen Poetry (Literature Paper 2 Section C). We reserve the right to make changes to this, but please be assured that changes to this will be communicated with students in advance.

### **What is coming up for the end of this year**

After the mock exams, we will be focusing on their Spoken Language endorsement which is a compulsory part of the English GCSE.

Students will be expected to speak for five minutes on a topic of their choice – we recommend they choose a topic linked to English as this will support their revision, but alternatively, any topic that is current in society today will be acceptable.

The Spoken Language endorsement must be filmed by the English department and a sample sent to the exam board, so please do share this information with your child and keep us updated of any worries or concerns so we can support.

We hope that this letter has been informative, and we look forward to seeing you all at our skills session on the 7 of June.

Please fill in the link to register <https://forms.office.com/e/iLyc7vjWf6>

If you have any queries, please contact me [hstevens@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org](mailto:hstevens@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org)

Yours Sincerely,



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