



Hartsdown
Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 and 11 homework expectations in English.

In English, we are aiming to increase the challenge of the homework that students will be expected to complete each week. This is the best way of preparing them fully for their future exams.

The English Literature GCSE has changed in the recent years to mean that all students are required to study a wide range of texts for their exam. Students are also unable to bring any of these texts into the exam with them and this means that students are expected to know these texts extremely well. Due to the changed rigour of the exams the students will be required to spend more time revising these texts at home in their own time, to achieve passing grades and above.

For the English GCSEs, each student will be expected to complete a written piece of homework that is to be handed in each week. This work will be set by the individual teacher, each student will be given a paper copy and expected to spend 30 minutes to an hour completing this each week. Failure to complete this homework will mean that a detention will be issued, usually to be completed the following afternoon at 3pm.

Students will not need a computer to complete the tasks and are able to hand a paper copy in to their classroom teacher. The teacher will mark this work with WWW and EBI feedback and hand this back to the student regularly. This work needs to be their best for the feedback to be meaningful.

We believe that the homework is there to extend the learning of each student and help them achieve the best grades that they can get!

It truly will help them be better prepared for their English exams and gain the best grades.

Any questions please contact:

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Yours sincerely

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