

16th November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may already be aware, Mr Dixon (Head of English) is leaving at Christmas after 10 years of excellent service. We are keen to share with you the plans we have in place for the next two terms to reassure you that your child's progress in the subject remains one of our key priorities and that the quality and consistency in their English lessons will not change.

We are currently advertising for a new Head of Department in English and will have a new subject leader in post for the Summer term. Although the advert has only been placed this week, we have already been contacted by a number of strong and suitable candidates who are expressing an interest in the role. We have no doubt that we will make an excellent appointment when we interview at the start of December.

In the meantime, we have appointed two additional experienced English teachers on a temporary basis for the Spring term. Year 11 classes will be taught by Mrs Drake and Mrs Morgan and in addition by Ms Highton and Ms Hatfield. Mrs Morgan has extensive experience in leading English departments and will be working closely with the other teachers of Year 11 to ensure that student progress remains at the forefront of their work over the Spring term. Ms Hatfield is well known by our Y11 students and successfully supported many of our Y11 students last year.

In order for the timetable to accommodate our two new members of staff and make the most of their strengths and expertise as subject specialists, there may be slight changes to student groupings and class teachers. Any students affected will be spoken to directly. In preparation for this, all teachers of Year 11 have been delivering the same units and schemes of learning over the course of the Autumn Term. This means that, should any changes be made, all students will be at the same point in the course and therefore there will be no disruption to their learning.

Our intervention and revision programme will be up and running early in the Spring term. Students will be identified for this based on their performance in the November mock exams. These sessions will be run by subject specialists and will target key skills competencies needed for both the Literature and Language GCSEs. Further information will follow shortly but do please contact Mrs Drake or Mrs Morgan if you require more details.

Yours faithfully



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