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Dear Parents/Carers

Just to remind you that the next English Language mock examination is fast approaching, students will be sitting Paper 1. It will take place on February 15th, students need to line up from 8.45am.

In order to help you support your son/daughter, we would also like to share the advice that has been given to students:

English Language Paper 1 – 1 hour 45 minutes

What you can do to revise:

- You will be asked to list 4 things – practise selecting and retrieving information from the texts you read;
- You will be asked to comment on the ways writer's use language – know subject terminology, practise commenting on the effect of these techniques. Think 'how' and 'why' when reading;
- Know how to comment on structural features – how is the text ordered? How does it begin? How does it end? Does the writer 'zoom in' on any particular features? Etc
- You will be asked to agree OR disagree with a statement – remember to support your views with reference to the text. This is easy to do when you read the news – discuss your views with reference to what you have read. Don't be afraid to give your own interpretation based on the evidence.
- The writing section is descriptive or narrative writing:
 - Know which features to use (similes, personification, triplets etc);
 - Use a range of punctuation (ellipsis, exclamation marks, colons, semi colons etc);
 - Use a range of sentence structures.
 - Most importantly PLAN your writing and PLAN to do the things listed above!
- Read extracts of 19th Century prose – look up any vocabulary you are unsure of.

Websites and other resources we recommend:

- BBC Bitesize – GCSE English Language – AQA
- Mr.Everything.English on Instagram – a fairly new account, but he has given good advice so far.
- The CGP English Language Revision and work books

Kind regards

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