

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 10 Early Entry for English Language GCSE**

As you will know, English is an important part of your child's education. Students sit both English Language and English Literature GCSE examinations. We have in previous years entered Year 10 for early entry English Language GCSE and it is our intention to do so again this academic year.

By studying for the two GCSEs separately, students are allowed to concentrate on one GCSE at a time while ensuring teaching and intervention are tailored accordingly. Once complete, students will have the remainder of Year 10 and the entirety of Year 11 to concentrate solely on GCSE English Literature. There is also the opportunity for students to re-sit their English Language in Year 11 if they need to.

To support your child in school, the number of timetabled English lessons students attend are 5 hours per week. This means that your child has a one hour English lesson daily. By dedicating such a significant amount of time to the subject, we are certain that your child will be sufficiently equipped for the rigours of the GCSE course.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of attendance at school. For your child to take full advantage of the early entry to English Language GCSE, it is vital your child has excellent attendance. Any missed lesson will result in getting behind in class which will negatively impact on your child's grade.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Ellis, Progress Leader for English, if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Catherine Mills,

Assistant Head Teacher, Director of English and Literacy