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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

## Year 9 English Exams

This letter is to inform you about the forthcoming Year 9 Exams that take place at the beginning of next term. As you will be aware, your child will be sitting examinations in all three core subjects in the week beginning **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**, including English.

In English, the students will be sitting the PiRA 'Spring' standardised national test, produced by Rising Stars Assessment on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. The paper will be 1hr 15 minutes long and asks the students to answer reading questions on both a non-fiction and fiction text. This is excellent preparation for their GCSE English Language papers which also require students to respond to texts of this nature.

Due to the 'unseen' nature of the test, the students will not have any explicit content to revise. However, your child may find it advantageous to look at their previous papers to familiarise themselves with the style of questioning and expected responses. As a department, we will also offer advice in the week prior to the exams about strategies for approaching the paper.

Where students require further support in accessing the texts and the questions, 'access arrangements' will be put in place and overseen by the Warriner Inclusion department. This will be similar to provision offered at GCSE level.

As we move into the final months of Year 9, we will be starting to consider setting for Year 10. Whilst the results from this test will play a part, we will also look at other indicators such as current classroom performance and potential. Therefore, please reassure your child that this will not be the sole determining factor in allocating classes at GCSE.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's English teacher.

Kind Regards,  
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