



FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

English Language GCSE Revision Workbooks

As you know, Year 11 students completed their Literature exams in May this year. We gave students the opportunity of early entry for their Literature GCSE to remove the burden of revising so many quotations alongside their revision for other GCSE subjects at the end of Year 11. A further benefit of this was that Year 11s would then have this year to hone and develop their English Language skills.

English Language is not a GCSE students can revise in the few weeks leading up to the exam. Students must develop the skills required over time. It is an important GCSE, as colleges require students to achieve a minimum of a Grade 4 (formerly a Grade C) in the qualification to be allowed to study any of their courses. The GCSE assesses students' reading and writing skills, in fiction and non-fiction. The GCSE is equally weighted between these two skills. In addition to this, the writing elements of the GCSE have 60% of marks awarded for content and organisation and 40% awarded for spelling, grammar and punctuation.

To support our students in the development of these key skills, we have sourced a revision workbook from their exam board, Eduqas. We have secured a large discount on these, meaning they cost just **£4.00** (RRP £6.00).

We would like to set routine homework with all of Year 11 using these revision workbooks over the course of the year to help them become more familiar with the language used in the exams and lengths of extracts they will have to read in the exam.

We would be grateful if you could pay for the revision workbooks via ParentPay by **Friday, 19th October 2018.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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