



Clacton County High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Updates from the English faculty

Please find below some information for students' English lessons next term.

Setting

Staff at CCHS are very aware that students develop at different rates and, therefore, we continually monitor each student's progress throughout the year.

Within the English faculty, at the end of the school year, we review all the sets and then adjust the settings accordingly. This year, to further support students' development in English, we have added extra classes in certain year groups from September and additionally, there have been a number of band changes in each year group. These factors have resulted in a substantial number of set changes for the upcoming school year. Every student follows the same curriculum and enters the same exams, but setting allows us to adapt the pace and content to the needs of your child. Sets are never fixed, and we will continue to review them on a half-termly basis to ensure that students are in the right group.

Supporting your child at home

The new English GCSEs are based around students reading a range of different texts and writing in a variety of different styles, and the best way to help your child develop the skills they need is to encourage them to read as widely as possible. Helping your child to access a range of fiction and non-fiction texts will expose them to different ideas and viewpoints and will increase their vocabulary.

Year 11

Year 11 will be entering their language and literature GCSE in the summer of 2019. Revision guides will be available in the autumn term – details to follow. Students would also benefit from having their own copies of the set texts (Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, The Sign of the Four) to read and annotate at home.

Year 10 GCSE literature entry

Year 10 will be entering their literature GCSE in the summer of 2019. In addition to their regular five hours of English per week, students will also receive an extra 75 minutes of timetabled literature intervention, and after-school exam classes will be offered from February. Revision guides will be available in the autumn term – details to follow. Students would also benefit from having their own copies of the set texts (Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, The Sign of the Four) to read and annotate at home.

Year 9

Year 9 will start their literature GCSE in September: students would also benefit from having their own copies of the set texts (Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, The Sign of the Four) to read and annotate at home.

I hope you find this information useful, but should you have any questions or concerns, please call on 01255 424266, or email admin@countyhigh.org.uk, on our return to school in September. Please include the name of the child and your contact details and I will reply to you as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of English Faculty