



# Parkside Academy

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Dear Parent,

## Support and revision arrangements for GCSE English Language and Literature Exams

I write to confirm the date of all upcoming GCSE English examinations and outline the additional support we would like to put in place for your child.

The dates of the English exams have now been confirmed and are as follows:

**Literature Paper 1: *Shakespeare and Post 1914 Literature*- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1 hour 45 minutes**  
**Literature Paper 2: *19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel and Poetry since 1789* – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2 hours 15 minutes**  
**Language Paper 1: *Fiction and Imaginative Writing* – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1 hour 45 minutes**  
**Language Paper 2: *Non – Fiction and Transactional Writing* – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2 hours**

I am pleased to inform you that the English Department will also be holding a number of holiday / weekend revision sessions to ensure that pupils are given the best possible opportunity to fulfil their potential. The dates and times of these sessions are as follows:

Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	10am -12pm
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> May	10am-12pm
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> May	10am-12pm
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> June	10am-12pm
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> June	10am -12pm

These sessions will be in addition to the support which is already available:

- **Regular exam practice** Pupils currently complete regular exam questions and monthly assessments, using exam board material, to help them to prepare for their examinations
- **Revision materials / workbooks** These provide pupils with supplementary revision materials which they can work through at home
- **Pixl revision/Intervention sessions** - there are several strands of English intervention being used in the run up to exams
- **Revision guides are available** - please ask your child to speak to their English teacher if they would like to order a specific revision guide.
- **Additional revision during school time prior to examinations**- staff will inform pupils about this nearer the time of the exams

As you are aware this is a crucial time in your child's education and we would appreciate your support in encouraging pupils to attend these additional revision sessions. Please indicate on the reply slip if your child will be attending the weekend / holiday revision so that I can ensure that suitable resources are available.



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If you have any queries about the exam arrangements or your child's work in English please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Miss J Stock  
**Subject Leader for English**

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Reply Slip: please complete and return to your child's English teacher by 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Name of pupil \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

My child will be attending all of the holiday / weekend revision workshops. (Please tick if appropriate)

My child will be attending revision holiday / revision workshops on)

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent / guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Medical /Dietary Conditions:

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Emergency Name/Contact Number:

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