

Newsletter

KS4 English: Autumn Term (1)

Welcome back!

We hope you had a restful break and have returned ready to try your best and be the best version of yourselves you can be. For Year 10 it is the start of your GCSES. You will start with the study of J.B. Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'. For Year 11, the countdown to your mock exams is on. The foundations have already been laid in Year 10 and we will be continuing with the study of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth.' We just ask that you all try your best and work hard. Make yourselves proud!

Mrs Millership and The English Department

Year 11 mock exams will take place w/b 2nd December. In English, pupils will be sitting a full **Literature Component 2 paper: An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol, Unseen Poetry** and a full **Language Paper 2:** questions about two unseen non-fiction texts and a transactional writing task (writing articles/letters) and expressing a particular viewpoint on a given topic.

Top Tips:



What? Revise 'An Inspector Calls' (Year 10 and 11) and 'Macbeth' (Year 11) as you are learning

How? Use YouTube – look for Mr Bruff and Dystopia Junkie who produce effective revision videos.

Why? It breaks down revision and ensures you will be prepared for your end of unit assessments. Frequent recall will help to embed knowledge in your long-term memory.

What? English Language revision (Yr11)

How? Complete practice papers for English Language – Links to past papers can be found by clicking the link [here](#).

Why? Completing practice papers helps with exam timings and knowing your weakest areas, so you can concentrate on those when you are revising.



Three Places to Go:

1. Go to Dudley library and read information about the Edwardians.
2. Go to Stratford Upon Avon and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace. Visit The Globe Theatre and watch a Shakespeare performance.
3. Go to the War Memorial at Sedgley church to learn about remembrance and its importance.

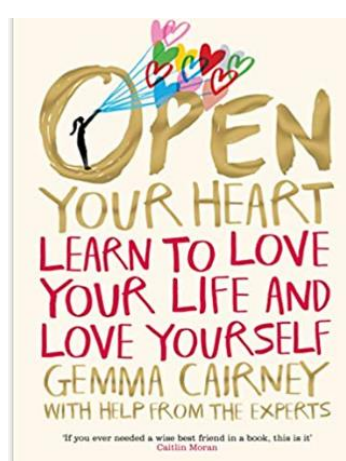
Three Things to Watch:

1. Any version of 'Macbeth' (Year 11) Be aware some versions miss out crucial moments!
2. 'An Inspector Calls' ([Click here](#))
3. Watch the evening news to keep up-to-date with current news. This is useful for Language Paper 2 which focuses on writers' viewpoints.

Three Things to Read:

1. Read about life in Edwardian Britain. (The era in which An Inspector Calls is set) ([Click here](#))
2. Re-read 'An Inspector Calls' ([Click here](#)) 'A Christmas Carol' (Year 11) ([Click here](#)) and 'Macbeth' (Year 11) ([Click here](#))
3. Our non-fiction book recommendation below: 'Open Your heart' by Gemma Cairney.

This month's book recommendation is focused on mental health.



Gemma Cairney's book is full of advice. It focuses on issues that affect daily life such as heartbreak, body image, family and friendships. It will help you to love yourself and know what to do when things go wrong.

Dormston Website:

Our website includes a wide range of revision materials for you to delve into: [click here](#).

Quote of the Month:

'Anything can happen, mate'

Alistair Brownlee (Triathlon champion) to Alex Yee in the Olympic Triathlon 2024. These words inspired Alex Yee's fightback from a seemingly certain second place; he went on to win gold! Never underestimate the power of positive words.