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Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Year 9 English

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your son/daughter to Year 9 in English here at Wildern. Year 9 is the beginning of their Key Stage 4 GCSE studies, and over the course of the year your son/daughter will begin to learn and practise the skills that will underpin the English Language and Literature assessments at the end of Year 11. Here is an overview of what students will do this year:

Students will spend the Autumn term in Year 9 looking at 'Viewpoints and Perspectives' - a scheme of work based on the non-fiction element of English Language, before **producing and delivering a speech to the class on a topic of their choice: to fulfil the spoken language element of their English Language GCSE course.** More details of this will be provided following the October half term break.

In the Spring term, they will move on to study an overview of: 'Macbeth' - a Shakespeare play that will help them to develop an understanding of Shakespearean Language and Literature before their main GCSE study of this text. All students will be provided with a booklet containing the key scenes in the play that they will need for their lessons. They will then work on their creative writing, before the Easter break.

In the Summer term, students will study all the poems from the GCSE AQA Power and Conflict poetry anthology, in preparation for this element of the GCSE Literature exam. Copies of the poetry anthologies that students need will be provided for them at the time of study.

The parent handbook for English contains full details of the curriculum that your son/daughter will be studying this year, as well as useful links to extra-curricular activities that may interest them and advice on how you can support them across this year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,

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