

6th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy half term and there are a number of important dates for your diaries in the months ahead.

### **External Summer Series Exams**

All students in year 10 have been entered for 3 Science and 1 English Literature exam this summer with some students also doing History exams. The Literature entry is a decision that has been taken since the start of the year. I have attached a letter from Mrs Hancox to explain this decision. **These exams count towards their final grades in these subjects.** The dates have been set by the External exam boards and are the same for all students across the UK.

### **March**

27th-29th March - Welsh Speaking exam

### **May**

Monday 13th May 1pm RE Full course - **option students only**

Wednesday 15th May 1pm English Literature - all students

### **June**

Monday 3rd June 8.45am History - austerity paper - **option students only**

Thursday 6th June 1pm History - USA paper - **option students only**

Friday 7th June 1pm Biology - all students (**Revision classroom code welq49**)

Wednesday 12th June 8.45am Chemistry - all students

Friday 14th June 8.45am Physics - all students

When students do not have an examination they will be expected to attend lessons as normal.

Please be advised that **it is the responsibility of each student to arrive fully equipped** with the relevant examination stationery such as calculators, black pens only, rulers, pencils and a rubber.

**It should be noted that some examinations will not finish until after the school day depending on the actual start time of an exam. Students who travel by school bus will therefore have to make alternative arrangements on this day.**

### **July**

3rd, 8th-10th, and 15th July. Welsh Bac Community hours - group project

Yours sincerely

**Mrs N Whitham**

**Director of Learning Year 10**

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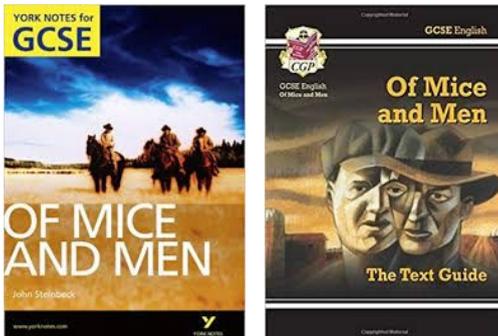
Dear

We constantly reflect on the progress of our students in order to ensure that decisions we make are in the best interests of the individual. At this stage of the year for our Year 10 students, we feel that it would be beneficial to enter them for one component of their English Literature assessment: Unit 1 '*Of Mice and Men*' and '*Unseen Poetry*'.

Students have spent a significant amount of time earlier this year studying poetry and in addition, they will start the study of the novel once they return after half term. This means that they will be entering the exam with all skills and knowledge in place. They will have also completed their two controlled assessments on poetry and Shakespeare by the time of the exam, equating to 60% of the final grade.

Some schools teach the whole of the Literature course in Year 10 and enter students at the end of this year. This is not a decision we have previously wanted to make because we know that it is important to keep consistent focus on the English Language course and associated skills. However, we do feel that students will be able to relieve a part of their exam 'load' in Year 11 by sitting this aspect of the course earlier. We wouldn't take this decision lightly but please be reassured that should your son or daughter underperform in this exam, they will have the opportunity to resit in Year 11 and the higher exam mark would count.

As preparation for this exam, the following texts are useful additions to class study:



Students will also be able to revise from:

Google Classroom: **b483bw**  
[bbc.com/bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize)

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Wallace with any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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