



28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure you are aware, our Year 11 students have recently completed their final period of mock examinations. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an insight into how we calculate their grades for both the November and March mock exams.

During these mock exams, students sat their GCSE Language Paper Two (Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives) and GCSE Literature Paper Two (Modern Texts and Poetry). In the November exam period, they tackled their GCSE Language Paper One (Creative Reading and Writing) and GCSE Literature Paper One (Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel).

Now that all parts of the papers have been completed under exam conditions, we will combine these marks to emulate the process used by the exam board to calculate a final forecast grade. We will communicate this combined grade to the students to give them a realistic understanding of their performance in exam conditions. Using this approach, our teachers will forecast students' final grades as accurately as possible, considering both the combined paper results and their progress in class. Students will receive their papers back to review their performance and gain insights into their strengths and areas for improvement.

As the students enter their last revision period before the final exams, we have set weekly guided revision tasks to ensure that all students are fully prepared for their GCSEs. These revision tasks are set weekly on Teams.

In addition to completing these tasks, we recommend that your child reread the texts they studied for GCSE: Romeo and Juliet, A Christmas Carol, and An Inspector Calls. Students have been lent copies of each of these texts through the library system.

**Please note that these texts must be returned to the school on the day of the exam.** The students must also reread the poems in the Power and Conflict anthology, which they have all been given a copy of to keep.

We have also paid for a Digital Theatre Plus subscription, which allows all our students to watch live performances of their studied texts (plus many more). To access these recordings, your child will need to go to: <https://edu.digitaltheatreplus.com/>

Users can access it from school and at home. If your child is not signed into their student account, there is no problem - the system will redirect them to the college login page when they click sign in and input their email with the domain [@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:@elycollege.co.uk) Once they input their college credentials, they will automatically be directed to the site.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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