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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 English Literature Additional Trial Exam - 02 February 2026

Last year we introduced an additional trial exam for Year 13 English Literature students, and we would like to repeat this initiative this year. This exam will take place on the morning of Monday 02 February 2026, and will run for 3 hours (plus additional extra time for those students entitled to this). The exam will be a complete Paper 1, Love Through the Ages paper. Depending on their timetable, students will need to miss part of their Period 3-4 lesson on this day.

The reason for this additional exam is to give students the opportunity to complete both English Literature exam papers in exam conditions, rather than split over different lessons.

The official trial exam in December is a full Paper 2, and prior to last year, this meant that students did not have the experience of the full 3-hour Paper 1 before the real exam. Students last year reported back that they found this experience really beneficial, and that it made the real thing much less daunting! Results would also suggest that the trial had a positive impact.

If you have any queries about this, please don't hesitate to contact me:

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Yours faithfully

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