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'To Inspire and Achieve'

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Dear Yr9 Parent, Guardian or Carer

The English Department are currently preparing your child for their End of Key Stage 3 (KS3) assessment. This assessment brings together the skills they have learnt across Yr7, 8 and 9 of KS3 including:

- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)
- Comprehension (Interrogative and summary)
- Word and sentence level analysis
- Text analysis
- Directed Writing (in the form of either Letter, Journal, Article, Interview, Speech or Report)
- Creative Composition Writing (Descriptive or Narrative)

For the first part of their assessment students will sit a **2 hour exam**, under full KS4 exam conditions. This will take place next Wednesday in the Hall at PAS. For the second part of their assessment we evaluate their creative writing ability. To do this the students will produce an **atmospheric descriptive writing piece** based on a walk they will do through Plantation Forest. The walk will begin at the main gate at Scotland and proceed past Butcher's Grave, through the forest to end up at White Gate for return back to school by bus. We hope good weather will allow us to undertake this visit on Friday, 12 July from 11:35 to 13:15.

Your child will also complete an End of Year **Star Reading** test to determine their reading age at the end of KS3.

All of this testing, along with the assessment grades they have accumulated in Yr9, will allow us to make their placements for KS4 learning - be it GCSE or the Functional Skills equivalent. It is important for your child to make their best effort and have a positive attitude toward this last phase of their KS3 learning as it will set them for the next two crucial years of their education. Should you have any concerns or questions about any of the above please feel free to contact myself or your child's English teacher.

We thank you for your support with your child's learning in KS3 and look forward to working with you further in KS4.

Kind regards

**Mrs Mercia George**  
Head of English