



22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: SUBJECT FOCUSED EXAM INTERVENTION/ENGLISH - 31<sup>st</sup> March**

As part of our commitment to supporting all GCSE students with their upcoming exams, we are hosting an **English Language** Walk and Talk mock for all Year 11 students on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. The Walk and Talk mock will demonstrate to students how to be successful in their **GCSE English Language exams**. To support the delivery of this, we have employed English specialists to deliver this session alongside the English staff. We have done this in previous years, and the feedback has been really positive with many students going into their exams confident that they are able to answer all the questions.

Although a normal school day, the timing will be slightly different. Students should arrive at school at the normal time of 8:30am. They will have an earlier break and lunch, and then finish at 2pm. This means that Year 11 students will have an early finish on that day. We will also be providing a free lunch to all Year 11 students attending the Walking Talking mock as we are aware they will be working hard in these sessions. There will be a break time where they will be able to purchase normal snacks from the upper school canteen. Behaviour expectations will remain in line with normal Academy expectations. This includes wearing normal school uniform and students will not be allowed to leave the school site until 2pm. If they fail to meet these expectations a phone call will be made and your child will be sent home.

This is an invaluable opportunity for the students as they will have experts guiding them throughout the day to help extend and develop the work they have already done in and out of lesson time. The knowledge and skills gained from this day will be crucial in supporting students to maximise their potential and achieve success in their final GCSE English Language exams in the summer.

Furthermore, for your information, there are also a variety of intervention sessions over the Easter half term, the dates of which are on the school website.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Woodcock on the Academy telephone number.

Yours faithfully

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**ACTING PRINCIPAL**