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Dear Year 9 Parent

As you know we are undertaking the Early Entry programme for English Literature in Year 10. We are writing to inform you of some exciting opportunities to support your child in their Literature journey.

We would like to offer your child the opportunity to attend some "Macbeth" lectures by an academic lecturer to give them further insight into the play. This key text is worth 25% of their overall mark in English Literature in Summer 2020. Therefore it is vital that they have a clear grasp and understanding of this Shakespeare play. We are lucky to have secured experienced examiner Graham Elsdon to lecture our current Year 9 pupils on "Macbeth" on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 in Lees Hall. The session will run for both lessons 1 and 2 and will start during the assembly slot in order to finish by break. If you would like your child to attend these lectures in Lees Hall, please log on to ParentPay and pay the voluntary contribution of **£3.00**. You will notice that this cost is much cheaper than the Sovereign Education lectures we attend in Birmingham at a cost of around £34.50. This time we are hosting the lectures at our school and therefore there are no venue or transport costs.

After the summer holiday, we will be studying "An Inspector Calls" in the first half of the autumn term of Year 10. Again this text is worth 25% of the final mark in English Literature. To support the study of this excellent play we have managed to provisionally book tickets for the superb Stephen Daldry performance. This will take place on Saturday 16th November 2019 at the Birmingham Rep starting at 7.30pm. We will be leaving school on a coach at 5.30pm and aim to arrive back at school at 10.30pm. The show has a running time of 1 hour 50 minutes and should be completed by 9.20pm. The cost of this trip in total is £45.00 comprised of £36.50 for the theatre ticket and £8.50 for transport to and from Birmingham. If you would like your child to attend this trip please log on to ParentPay and pay **£45.00** to secure their place. Due to the extreme demand for this play we have to confirm numbers by Friday 24th May 2019, so we will need to move quickly to secure the opportunity of this experience for your child.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. The English Department are keen to support both you and your child on this exciting journey to achieve their best English Literature result next summer in August 2020. Please contact your child's English teacher or email me directly: r.cowley@cttc.staffs.sch.uk

Thanks for your support with the Early Entry journey in English Literature with your child.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Cowley

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