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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 10 Trial Examination**

At the beginning of February, year 10 students will complete a trial examination for GCSE English Language Component 1. The trial examination covers content taught in half term one and has been revisited in half term three, with students answering five questions in response to an unseen story before writing a story.

This trial examination will take place at the following times:

- Students in L band - Wednesday 5 February Period 1.
- Students in T band - Friday 7 February Period 1.

It is an opportunity for students to have their first experience of a full English Language paper where they will be developing their exam resilience and time management skills.

In preparation for this live trial, we have:

- Delivered an English Language Component 1 live trial, where Mrs L Stuart modelled how to answer each exam question successfully.
- Shared a recording of this live trial with students via email so they can access it in their own time.
- Reminded students to use their English Language Component 1 revision guides to revise the timings and structures for each question.

If you require further information about the trial examination, please contact either me or their English Language teacher.

Yours sincerely

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