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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new school year. We hope that your sons and daughters have settled quickly into their GCSE courses and are excited about the opportunities open to them over the next couple of years.

As you will be aware, both English and Maths are compulsory subjects in KS4 and each student studies the Cambridge International Examinations First Language English (0500) and the WJEC Mathematics (3300). In English there is a heavy reliance on students undertaking independent work, especially appropriate reading, to develop the literacy maturity and wider general knowledge required for this international examination. Additionally all students will be studying the IGCSE Literature course (0475). In Maths there is a heavy reliance on the ability to use a scientific calculator and memorise formula and techniques.

In order to maximise your son's/daughter's chances of success we need to work in partnership with you to enable you to support your child with both courses and to be aware of the various routes we follow. Employers and Further Education options require a minimum grade C in GCSE English and Maths and this is our aim for all students starting out in Year 10.

We have arranged an information evening for parents/carers of Year 10 students and strongly recommend that you attend this in order to be familiar with what your child is doing, and needs to do, in English and Maths in the coming months. A positive start to the course is vital if effective learning habits are to be formed quickly and as you play an important role in supporting this we'd like to make sure you have up to date information regarding what is required.

The meeting will run for approximately 40 minutes and will take place in the **West Hall on Wednesday 14th September at 6.00pm.**

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Nickson and Miss E Nicholson
KS4 Coordinator English and KS4 Coordinator Maths