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Dear Parent/Carer,

KS3 English: Autumn Term Update

We wanted to share a little about what your child is exploring in English this term, and how you can support their learning at home in simple, meaningful ways.

Across Key Stage 3, students are engaging with rich and varied texts that stretch their thinking, build vocabulary, and encourage confident, well-informed responses — both written and spoken.

- Year 7 are journeying through *Myths and Legends*, exploring storytelling traditions from different cultures and time periods. They're learning how stories shape identity and values, while developing their own creative writing and annotation skills. In addition, each Year 7 class has one dedicated lesson per week using Lexia, a personalised literacy programme that supports reading fluency, comprehension, and spelling. It's designed to meet students at their current level and help them progress at their own pace.
- Year 8 are studying a *novel or play*, depending on their class group, with a focus on character development, dramatic structure, and how writers use language to shape meaning. Each student also takes part in a guided reading session, where we explore short texts together to build vocabulary, deepen understanding, and strengthen reading habits.
- Year 9 are delving into *Gothic fiction*, examining how atmosphere, suspense, and symbolism work together to create powerful narratives. Like Year 8, they also take part in guided reading, which helps reinforce core literacy skills and encourages thoughtful discussion around texts.

Across all year groups, we're encouraging students to read widely — both fiction and non-fiction — to deepen their understanding of language and ideas. At home, one of the most valuable things you can do is help your child find time and space to read. Whether it's a novel, a news article, a biography, or a short story, regular reading builds fluency, confidence, and curiosity.

If your child isn't sure what to read next, we're always happy to recommend age-appropriate texts that match their interests. You might also enjoy reading alongside them or discussing what they've read — even a short conversation can spark deeper thinking.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We're excited about the work ahead and proud of how our students are rising to the challenge.

Warm regards,
The English Team.