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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. The English Department appreciate your efforts in helping us to ensure that your son has the best possible chance of being proud of his achievements in both Literature and Language.

There are many ways that you can support progress in English outside of the classroom. Most important would be to help engage him with the poetry cluster. There are fifteen poems that we are covering and it would be beneficial if someone at home were available to read these poems and discuss some of the ideas and messages in them. The poems are:

Ozymandias Percy Bysshe Shelley
London William Blake
Extract from, *The Prelude* William Wordsworth
My Last Duchess Robert Browning
The Charge of the Light Brigade Alfred Lord Tennyson
Exposure Wilfred Owen
Storm on the Island Seamus Heaney
Bayonet Charge Ted Hughes
Poppies Jane Weir
War Photographer Carol Ann Duffy
Remains Simon Armitage
Tissue Imtiaz Dharker
The Emigree Carol Rumens
Kamikaze Beatrice Garland
Checking Out Me History John Agard

We will also be studying *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding and *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare. The best support that you could give is to ask your son questions about the content and context of the poetry, the two novels and the Shakespeare play that he has covered as this would help to ensure that he remembers and retains important ideas which will not be externally tested until 2018.

Please find overleaf a breakdown of the two qualifications. As you will see, there is a lot to cover! Please also do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any further guidance or support.

Yours sincerely

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Head of English