Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you will find the following helpful in supporting your child’s home learning in English over the next few weeks.

For each year group, we have created a page on TEAMs for the entire year group. Work will be posted here at the beginning of each week.

Each class, in each year group, will also have its own TEAMS page. This is where pupils can post their work and where their teachers will be able to mark what they have done, answer questions and give advice.

If pupils are already using a TEAM with their class teacher, they do NOT have to re-join that group with the code.

**S1**

At the beginning of each week, work will be posted for S1 pupils. This will include a reading activity and a marking scheme they can look over. There will also be an associated writing activity. Please go to the S1 year group TEAMs page and the English department website to find booklists and links to online activities.

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| Teacher | Code |
| S1 Year Group | **9xnlbic** |
| Ms Murphy | **ztnq12k** |
| Mrs Batchelor | **w7y6l7g** |
| Mr Andrews | **lhvt3cd** |
| Mrs Kaliski  /Mrs Dickson | **Continue with usual group**  **quwcq92** |
| Mrs Robertson | **Continue with usual group**  **2s04ka8** |
| Ms Laitano | **Continue with usual group**  **b3gh2sh** |
| Mr McLean | **yuvl5ak** |
| Mrs MacMahon | **flg4k7o** |
| Mr McGlynn | **oqi7ato** |
| Ms Henshall | **7wksafg** |
| Ms Cairney/Mrs Macdonald | **1ufwqmj** |

**S2**

At the beginning of each week, work will be posted for S2 pupils. This will include a reading activity and a marking scheme they can look over. There will also be an associated writing activity. Please go to the S2 year group TEAMs page and the English department website to find booklists and links to online activities.

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| Teacher | Code |
| S2 Year Group | **588i2qj** |
| Ms Cartledge | **uxb8i03** |
| Mrs Batchelor | **cm82xdq** |
| Mr Andrews | **5t1iqwo** |
| Mrs Kaliski | **Continue with usual group**  **rij2lfx** |
| Mrs Robertson | **Continue with usual group**  **lg3m2mz** |
| Ms Laitano | **Continue with usual group**  **2hkmd0x** |
| Mr McLean | **k0b8r60** |
| Mrs Dickson | **Continue with usual group** |
| Mr McGlynn | **gkly8ok** |
| Ms Henshall | **5qeylbg** |
| Ms Cairney/Mrs Macdonald | **5qeylbg** |

**S3/4 Preparing for National 4/5**

These pages are for all pupils in S3 who are working on their National 4 or National 5 course.

Each week pupils will be given an RUAE passage to complete and the year group will start preparatory work for their persuasive essay, which will be part of their Portfolio of Writing, worth 30% of their final mark. They will have staged support in choosing a topic, research, creating a plan and writing a first draft of their essay.

There are one or two S3 classes where some teachers had already set out a programme of work for their class. Pupils will be advised by their class teacher, on their own class TEAM, as to the work they should complete.

Pupils should submit work on the assignments section of their own class page.

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| Teacher | Code |
| S3 Year Group | **x7sowh2** |
| Ms Cartledge | **htmzo9u** |
| Mrs Batchelor | **89d4k6v** |
| Mr Andrews | **oad5w2z** |
| Mrs Kaliski | **Continue with usual group**  **si8wqjb** |
| Mrs Robertson | **Continue with usual group**  **io1cdrf** |
| Mrs Dickson | **Continue with usual group** |
| Mr McLean | **hoga02x** |
| Mrs MacMahon | **h3ebowx** |
| Mr McGlynn | **4ryxliv** |
| Ms Henshall | **r4etwtz** |
| Mrs Kaliski | **Continue with usual group**  **7qo41tm** |
| Ms Cairney/Mrs Macdonald | **iopxb2i** |

**S4/S5 Preparing for Higher**

These pages are for current S4/S5 pupils who intend to study Higher next year.

Each week pupils will be given an RUAE exercise to complete. Marking schemes will be provided. The pupils will continue to work on the question types they learnt for National 5 as these are similar to those in the Higher exam. Pupils will also start preparatory work for their persuasive essay, which will be part of their Portfolio of Writing, worth 30% of their final mark. They will have staged support in choosing a topic, research, creating a plan and writing a first draft of their essay.

Pupils should submit work on the assignments section of the class page of their S4 English teacher.

We will post a list of possible Set Texts for Higher on the Higher Year Group TEAM. It isn’t possible to tell pupils what they will be studying next year but reading any of these texts would be of benefit to pupils.

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| Current S4/5Teacher | Code |
| S4 Year Group | **tjpqdeo** |
| Ms Murphy | **Continue with usual group**  **sqiednn** |
| Mrs Batchelor | **07a7umy** |
| Mr Andrews | **ovzu1o3** |
| Mrs Dickson | **Continue with usual group.** |
| Mrs Robertson | **Continue with usual group**  **t3rqay0** |
| Ms Laitano | **Continue with usual group**  **j97x9h4** |
| Mr McLean | **hqurdtg** |
| Mrs MacMahon | **izulrpg** |
| Mr McGlynn | **u1ib1jh** |
| Ms Cairney/Mrs Macdonald | **648ixnb** |

**S6 Preparing for Advanced Higher**

Any current S5 pupil thinking about studying Advanced Higher English will find Reading Lists and some Advanced Higher type tasks on this TEAM.

The Microsoft TEAMs code for this is: **lytefkx**

**Reading**

One of the most beneficial ways of improving in English, for any pupil, in any year group, is by reading books!

If it’s possible, please encourage your child to read as much as they can.

**Book Group**

Ms McEachern, our school Librarian will be hosting an online book group pupils, starting next week.

**This can be found on Google classrooms and the code is: ms3jrcf**

**Resources**

The following sources might be helpful:

* We will be sending a separate letter out with suggestions for pupils reading activities. This will follow shortly
* We will post book lists for each year group on the English page of the website, as well as on the year group TEAMs pages.
* We will also include a booklist for parents and carers, should you have any time to read, which we appreciate may not be very likely!
* Audible has released a collection of audiobooks for free, which it says will be available 'for as long as schools are closed'.
* Lots of Kindle books are currently free or very cheap.  A quick way to find out which ones are free or cheap is to select a genre, then sort by price on Amazon. There are also plenty of classics available on Kindle for free. (For example, Jane Eyre, Frankenstein) You can just search ‘free classics on kindle’ to see what’s available. These books can be downloaded to read on phones, tablets and laptops with the free Kindle Reading app.
* Another way to get free books is by arranging a free trial of Kindle Unlimited trial, which gives you access to millions of books.  But you would need to remember to cancel this before the free trial period runs out or you would be charged.   You can borrow up to 10 titles at a time.

We do understand that this is very unfamiliar to all of us and that individual family circumstances may change and develop over time. We are keen to do all we can to support your child in their learning over the next few weeks, but also appreciate that not every pupil will be able to complete every piece of work, every week. Some pupils may not be able to complete very much of this work at all. We have tried to allow for this in our planning, and wish to reassure you that we will help pupils “catch up” should circumstances, of whatever kind, prevent them from completing the work we post each week. (You may, or may not, wish to share this with your child!)

Please take care of yourselves and your families; I am very much looking forward to seeing all of our pupils back in school soon,

Yours sincerely,

Jane Murphy

Principal Teacher of English and Literacy.