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Dear Parents/Carers

**Year 9 and Year 10 English revision guides: unseen poetry**

For GCSE English Literature, four aspects are examined: one of these is poetry, and within that, a section known as ‘unseen poetry’. This is worth approximately 12% of the final extremal exams. It is broken down into two questions worth a total of 32 marks which is slightly more than the marks for the study of Macbeth, which is 30 marks!

As per the examination description, the students (and the teachers!) have no idea what poems will be selected for examination as they will not have studied them. The course therefore must and does focus on the skills of poetry analysis.

We have secured from CPG a discounted bundle of two study guides for this aspect and it is indicative of the rigours of this section that there are two study guides: **Book one and Book two**.

The study guide set is available now until Friday 19 July, at school, from room SF103.

Payment of £6.00 is by cheque (payable to Rickmansworth School) or cash. There is no online payment for these revision sets and we have, only, 200 sets available.

Students can make payments and collection at the same time at lunchtimes. We cannot reserve sets. However, if demand exceeds 200 sets for Year 9 and Year 10, we will order more sets but anticipate that these maybe at the full price of £11.90 as we cannot guarantee the current bundle price.

Yours sincerely

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