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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you about the fantastic opportunity in English which has been launched this term for your child as they progress through Year 11.

Every week, in their double English Language lessons, which will be either on a Monday (Y band) or Wednesday morning (X band), we will run English Masterclasses where your child will work in exam style conditions to prepare them to be the best exam candidate they can be and to ensure they reach their maximum potential next summer.

We delivered these masterclasses with the last two cohorts of Year 11 and the success of the sessions was clear to see in our results in August where we achieved a 16% increase in grades. Every student who attended every session achieved or exceeded their target grade by at least one grade and this was fantastic!

The session will involve your child attending their double English Language lesson in the hall every week where they will be taught by an experienced English Director, an exam marker, alongside members of the English team. During some Masterclasses, another Director, from within the trust, will come and assist with the session as this proved to be very successful last year.

Attendance is vital if your child is to achieve their target grade and potential. Students must arrive on time: if your child is late, they will not be allowed into the session and will work in a separate room whilst following the same work as their peers to avoid minimal disruption to the session.

Students will complete full reading papers, narrative writing and transactional tasks in these sessions and their work will be returned the following Language lesson, marked with detailed feedback to ensure future success.



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At the end of each session, students are rewarded with some treats and at the end of half-term, students who have attended every session, and worked to the best of their ability, will be rewarded with some great surprises!

We would like you to encourage your child to attend the sessions, be on time and work extremely hard until Summer 2025.

We are very much looking forward to working with your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the school number or email address below if you have any further questions about the masterclasses.

If you require any further information please feel free to contact me via email at [a.hussain@bishopsgarth.outwood.com](mailto:a.hussain@bishopsgarth.outwood.com)

Yours faithfully,

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