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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move into Year 11, we have decided to complete a Romeo and Juliet assessment in the second week back after the holidays.

Students will be informed of the question, but will not see the extract. This will allow students to plan and learn relevant quotes and context. This is a valuable skill and one which needs to be learnt: I believe that by giving them the tools we are allowing them to become more independent in their learning.

I understand that the students need a holiday, but I am not suggesting that they need to study every day for hours but drip-feed this into their time off. We will have a week of revision lessons when we return in September before sitting the paper the following week in class. In the Teams pages and on SMHW, teachers will upload the metacognition sheets for the play. These have key images and quotes so that students can really develop their knowledge. I will also ensure that the context for the play (which all students should have in their exercise books) is also uploaded to aid the retrieval process.

We hope that you will see this as a worthwhile task and that you will support your child and the English team in the preparation for this.

I hope that you all have a good summer and that students come back refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

Best wishes

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