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Dear Parents/Carers

In order to ensure that students are fully prepared for their GCSE examinations in English Language and English Literature, we are trialling a core homework schedule focused on spelling, punctuation and grammar within the English Department this academic year.

Your child will be given the attached schedule by their English teacher next week. They will also be given a CGP SPAG Workbook.

They will be expected to complete specified tasks on a weekly basis. Work should be completed in the workbook provided. It should be noted that teachers may also set additional or personalised homework tasks as they deem appropriate.

Teachers will check and take in workbooks during the last lesson of the week. These will then be returned during the first lesson the following week. Assessment will be in the form of knowledge checks, peer and self-assessment alongside teacher assessment.

A core aim of this work is to encourage student independence. However, we do recognise that some students, across ability levels, may wish to be given additional help and support with their work. We will therefore be offering GCSE study support after school on Tuesdays in Room 12.

It should be noted that the English Department will provide the first set of resources free of charge. Should students lose their workbooks there will be a replacement charge of £2.50 per copy. As with any homework, if students miss deadlines then they will be issued a department detention.

If you have any queries regarding homework, or any aspect of your child's English course, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office or by e-mail l.harris@kinetonhighschool.org.uk
Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Curriculum Leader - English

Year 9 Core English SPAG Homework Schedule 2016-2017

The following tasks are to be completed on a weekly basis. Finished work should be handed in to your English Teacher at the start of the last lesson each week. It will be checked and marked as appropriate. Resources will be returned to you at the start of the next week.

Your English teacher will also set any additional/personalised homework as required to help you prepare for your GCSEs in English. Remember that this SPAG work will help in all subjects.

Should you wish to have support with this work, or any other aspect of your course, English staff will be available **after school in Room 12 on Tuesdays** to support you.

Provided resource: CGP SPAG Workbook. You are responsible for the safekeeping of this resource – should you lose it you will be asked to purchase a new copy for £2.50.

Date - week commencing	Work to be completed – CGP SPAG Workbook
12/9/16	Plurals (p1-3)
19/9/16	Prefixes (p4-5)
26/9/16	Suffixes (p7-9)
3/10/16	Double letter words (p10)
10/10/16	Silent Letters/Unstressed vowels (p11-12)
17/10/16	i before e (p13)
31/10/16	Forming comparatives (p14-15)
7/11/16	Commonly Misused Words (p16-19)
14/11/16	Other Tricky words (p20-21)
21/11/16	Mixed Practice (p22-25)
28/11/16	Sentence Punctuation (p26-27)
5/12/16	Commas (p28-30)
12/12/16	Colons and semi-colons (p31-33)
3/1/17	Brackets and Hyphens (p34-35)
9/1/17	Apostrophes and Missing Letters (p36-37)
16/1/17	Possessive Apostrophes (p38-39)
23/1/17	Its and It's (p40-41)
30/1/17	Speech Marks (p42-44)
6/2/17	Quoting (p45)
13/2/17	Mixed Practice (p46-49)

Remaining homework schedule to be issued after February Half Term