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Dear Parent/Carer,

## GCSE English Poem Masterclass

It is our great pleasure to invite you and your son/daughter to a masterclass on the poem '*Tissue*' and its links to other poems on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** between 6pm and 7pm in the school theatre. '*Tissue*' is one of the 15 poems that your son/daughter is studying as part of their English Literature course and is commonly thought of as one of the more difficult of the 15 poems to understand, if not *the most* difficult poem to understand. Therefore, we thought it would be useful to run this masterclass to allow students and parents to get a greater understanding of this complex poem. We would like as many students and parents to attend as possible. Parents and students who attended the previous masterclass on Dickens' '*A Christmas Carol*' fed back that it was an extremely useful and interesting session, and we really would like this up-coming session to be even more successful.

In putting on this master class, we recognise how many parents often want to support their children with their revision but sometimes find it difficult to do so if they do not have knowledge of the texts themselves. We hope to encourage as many parents to attend this masterclass as possible so that you can assist with your child's revision at home. We also hope you will enjoy the opportunity to come along and learn more about '*Tissue*' and its links to other poems.

The masterclass will be run by Mr Hetherington, the Lead Practitioner for English, and we have provisional dates for two further revision sessions on elements of the other GCSE English Literature texts as follows:

1. A masterclass on the romantic language in Shakespeare's '*Romeo and Juliet*' delivered by Miss Mundy, Head of English, on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** from 6pm until 7pm.
2. A masterclass on the Inspector's final speech (from J.B Priestley's '*An Inspector Calls*') delivered by Mr Hetherington, Lead Practitioner for English, on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April** from 6pm to 7pm.

To give us an idea of numbers for the upcoming masterclass on '*Tissue*' and the poems it links to, we would appreciate it if you could email or telephone the school with details of how many people we should expect. Doors will be open from 5.45 pm. Many thanks in advance for supporting this event. We very much look forward to welcoming you.

Yours faithfully

Miss S Mundy  
Faculty Leader for English

Principal: Darren Barton

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