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Dear Parent/Carer,

All learners at Kepier study both English Language and English Literature at GCSE. These are separate qualifications which are taught and examined independently. Throughout year 10, learners have been preparing to sit their real and final GCSE Language exam in June 2018.

The advantage of sitting GCSE English Language at the end of year 10 is that this will be the only exam your child is sitting in the summer of 2018. This will allow them to focus all of their time and revision on this very important subject. Another advantage of sitting the exam this year is that the whole of year 11 can be spent solely focussing on GCSE Literature, without having to re-visit GCSE Language.

However, as GCSE English Language is such an important subject we will only enter learners who we deem to be ready for this exam. To help us make a decision about whether we feel that your son/daughter is ready for the exam, mock exams will be held on the 27th and 28th of March. The outcome of these exams will determine whether your child will be entered for the real, final exam in the summer.

To ensure that you can help your child fully prepare for this exam I'd like to take the opportunity to invite you into school for a presentation about the content of the English Language paper, what is assessed and how to prepare for the exams. The 30 minute presentation will take place in the main school hall starting at 17:00 and will then be repeated at 18:00 on Wednesday 14th of March.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr P Farley

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