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GDA/Early entry

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Early Entry for English Language

As you are aware, Year 11 is a crucial time for students, however, it can also be very stressful due to the number of exams that they have to sit. In English alone, students are assessed through 8 hours of exams. Therefore, in order to relieve some of this pressure, the decision has been taken to enter all Year 10 students for their English Language exam at the end of Year 10 (June 2018), removing 4 hours of exams from them in Year 11.

The English Department are confident that your child will be fully prepared for this exam in June. This is because students have been preparing for their English Language exams since Year 9. From September this year, students have been focused on Language preparation, studying both the reading of fiction and non-fiction and writing for a variety of purposes and audiences. Students have consistently been exposed to exam questions, exemplar materials and marking criteria. Students have also been provided with specific feedback on each element of the exam and we will continue to do this throughout Year 10.

Early entry for English Language will also enable students to focus solely on English Literature in Year 11, utilising their lesson time in order for them to make maximum progress.

I am sure that you will agree that this decision will greatly benefit your child and enable them to achieve the best levels possible in English.

The English Department will be available to speak to you on parents' evening being held on Thursday 7th December 2017, if you have any questions. Alternatively, you can email me at gdacey@robertnapier.org.uk should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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