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Dear Parents/Guardians

3 April 2017

GCSE English Workshops

The English department is pleased to announce that revision workshops will be running on the first two days of the Easter holiday (Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 April). The sessions will focus on the extended writing sections of both the English language papers, which represent **50%** of the English Language GCSE. The aim is to hone our students' creative writing skills and to stoke their confidence when responding to these two heavily weighted questions.

The workshops will be presented by Dave Cryer, who is currently Ripon Grammar School's Patron of Reading, and will be overseen by the English department. Dave is a former English and Drama teacher who travels the country running workshops for creative writing and to encourage reading for pleasure. He has also just been confirmed as the Learning and Participation Manager at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick. Dave is a regular visitor to RGS and recently trialled the GCSE Creative Writing Workshop here with a small group of students – it proved to be very successful.

The same workshop is being run four times over the two days and students are asked to indicate which session they would prefer. We will endeavour to accommodate first choices, but this will depend on demand. Each workshop will provide invaluable advice with regard to producing descriptive narratives, the script for letters, articles, blogs and webpages. In addition to this, the students will be given the opportunity to put these skills into practice and be encouraged to use a wide range of linguistic devices in their own writing in order to successfully argue, persuade or inform their potential reader.

The school is funding the workshops and the only cost to the student is a £2 registration fee payable on submission of the return slip printed below.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend one of the workshops please complete the tear-off slip and return to the English department by **Thursday 6 April**.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs S Wright - Head of Upper School
English Department**

Parental Consent Form

I give permission for Form to attend an English revision workshop to be run during the Easter holiday. I enclose a £2 registration fee.

Day	Time	Order of Preference (1-4)
Monday 10/04/2017	9.00 – 12.15	
Monday 10/04/2017	12.45 – 16.00	
Tuesday 11/04/2017	9.00 – 12.15	
Tuesday 11/04/2017	12.45 – 16.00	

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)

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