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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we progress through the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to highlight the importance of your child's study of the AQA GCSE Power and Conflict Cluster, and to offer some tips on how you can support them in their revision efforts.

The AQA GCSE Power and Conflict Cluster encompasses a rich selection of poetry that explores themes of power, conflict, and the human condition. Studying these poems not only enriches our students' understanding of literature but also equips them with valuable analytical skills that are essential for success in their examinations and beyond. Student study in total 15 poems and a copy of each poem that is studied has been included with this letter.

It is incredibly important that students are actively remembering key quotes and context for each poem as they are only given a blank copy of 1 poem in the exam and have to compare it to another poem from the cluster which they are unable to do if they do not remember the poems.

At Bishop Challoner, English teachers are actively revising the poems with the students and recalling key quotes in particular with the students every single lesson.

As you support your child in their revision efforts, here are some tips to enhance their studying experience:

1. Regular Practice: Encourage your child to regularly practice analysing poems independently. This can include annotating the poems, writing summaries, and discussing their interpretations with you or their peers.
2. Quizzing: Encourage your child to create flashcards to help them remember quotes which you can support in quizzing them on.
3. Utilise Resources: Encourage your child to make use of available resources such as study guides, online tutorials, and past exam papers to strengthen writing practice especially in timed conditions.

By working together, we can ensure that your child maximises their potential and achieves success in their English Literature GCSE examination. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email sali3@bishop.towerhamlets.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

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