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**S5/6 Personal Study**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, in order to be presented for examination at Higher, Intermediate 2 or Intermediate 1, it is necessary to pass three internally assessed units. During the first term of session 2009/2010 your son/daughter will be preparing for the assessment on Unit 3, the Personal Study. This unit requires the student to study a text of his/her choosing and then write about a specific aspect of it during a unit assessment test. As the name of the unit implies it is the pupil's responsibility to:

- ✓ Choose an appropriate text
- ✓ Decide on a focus for study e.g. how a particular theme is revealed; the development of a character, etc
- ✓ Work through the text building up notes that will be used for their essay. Initially, these may be chapter summaries to keep track of plot and then quotations or discussions of events which relate to their task
- ✓ Plan a structure for their essay
- ✓ Meet deadlines

Staff within the English department will offer guidance and support throughout the process but it is expected that each student will undertake the majority of the work in their own time. Your support in this process would be greatly appreciated. The expected timescale for this unit is outlined below. Please sign and return the tear off slip to indicate your agreement with these deadlines.

**Unit 3 – Personal Study**

- **By Jun 24<sup>th</sup> – text chosen and noted by teacher**
- **By Aug 17<sup>th</sup> - text read; focus for text decided**
- **By Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - note taking on text completed; plan for essay submitted**
- **By Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - preparation complete**
- **w/e Dec 4<sup>th</sup>- Unit 3 assessment**

A reading list of suitable texts has been handed to your son/daughter along with this letter, although it is appropriate to study any text which has literary worth. If in doubt, members of staff will be happy to offer guidance on the suitability of particular texts.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support in this matter.  
 Yours faithfully,

Mr. R Miller  
 Principal Teacher of English

**I agree to keep to the above deadlines.**

**Student's signature .....**

**Parent/Carer's signature.....**

