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Dear Parent / Guardian.

Our Year 9 pupils are ready to move on to the study of their whole class novel. This course of study aims to support and improve the students' reading skills, their analysis of language and extend their vocabulary; all key skills for their GCSEs in English Language and English Literature, which begin next year.

We have also designed our curriculum to reflect what it means to be a young, British person today; for our pupils to know about the struggle and sacrifice that has led to the freedom and opportunity we have. We want them to know about their heritage and culture, and that of others in our community, enabling them to celebrate and contribute to the progress of democracy as global citizens. As Weston Favell Academy is a wonderfully diverse community, of which we are proud, our reading material aim to celebrate diversity, regardless of race, class, gender or sexuality.

For your information, some of our novels explore exactly these themes; 'The Black Flamingo' (Dean Atta) the inspirational tale, from child to adulthood, of a young man struggling with his identity, sexuality along with his acceptance and eventually, his celebration of himself. Additionally, Stephen Kalman's' ground breaking novel, 'Pigeon English' also explores the experiences of young black boy in modern day London, England who has come from Ghana and his experience with immigration, masculinity, crime, violence, death, prejudice and language.

Indeed, all our novels explore the resilience needed in order to seek truth and justice; all celebrate the absolute core principles of democracy and consider the human condition. Finally, we inspire our pupils to delight in the words of American Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman; 'We seek harm to no one and harmony for all.'

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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