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Dear Form Five Parents

I just wanted to send a little note home to keep you up to date with some of the changes that Form Five are seeing in my English lessons.

I have introduced dictation tests to Form Five as part of their spelling tests on a Monday. It would be helpful, if your child does their spelling practise with you, to rehearse their spellings in this way. Creating simple sentences or paragraphs where they have to copy out the entire sentence/paragraph which incorporates their spelling word. This way you are not only practising the actual spelling but the use of the word in context, this will support my testing method and further their Verbal Reasoning skills. It will also have an impact on their overall grammar because it allows them think about other spellings, capital letters and punctuation.

**For example:**

**Spelling word:** profession

**Sentence Dictation:** All **professions** are good but teaching is the greatest of all. (2 marks)

**Spelling words:** optician, beautician, electrician, possession.

**Paragraph Dictation:** The **optician** and **beautician** got married on a Monday because the **electrician** blew up the electric box while trying to fix the lights. In his **possession** where many tools which he needed to complete his job successfully. (8 marks)

All of Form Five are working very hard and I am impressed with their diligence and focus so far.

Please do pop in to see me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hague