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Dear Incoming Freshman:

Congratulations on being placed in Honors English for your first year at Mater Dei High School. Freshman Honors English is part of the Advanced Placement program in English at Mater Dei, and is designed to challenge the student to prepare for college work. We hope that you will continue in the Honors English program during your four years at Mater Dei.

As part of your English course, you are expected to read the novels below and complete the enclosed assignment **before school opens in September:**

The Old Man and the Sea – Ernest Hemingway
Great Expectations – Charles Dickens

As you read, mark significant passages, symbols, statement of philosophy and themes to help you with the assignment. Be prepared to discuss, score 80% on tests, and write about the novels in class during the first week of school.

We look forward to seeing you in September, and take great pleasure in welcoming you into the Honors program.

Sincerely,

Sr. Marie Furlong, R.S.C.
Honors English Teacher