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Re: GCSE English Language and Literature

04/11/2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you to inform you of the arrangements the school has put in place regarding the GCSE Assessments for GCSE English Language and Literature. As you will be aware, pupils were unable to sit the Unit 1 modules for both subjects as planned in May 2020. Therefore, I have outlined below some of the changes to our normal assessment and examination entries for Year 12 pupils below.

English Language

As part of CCEA's Assessment Arrangements for 2021, there have been **no** omissions from the GCSE English Language curriculum or assessments. ([Full details are available on the CCEA website.](#))

All pupils will be entered for the English Language Unit 1 exam on **Tuesday 12th January** at 09:15. This is based on the Language work pupils completed in Year 11.

Pupils who study **both** English Language and Literature will **also** be entered for the English Language Unit 4 exam on **Thursday 14th January** at 09:15. This is based on the Language work these classes have completed since June.

It is hoped that, by doing these examinations in January, it will lessen the burden and stress for pupils later in the year. However, pupils will still have the option to re-sit these modules in May/June, if we or they feel they have underperformed.

English Literature

As part of CCEA's Assessment Arrangements for 2021, the Unit 1: The Study of Prose (30%) has been omitted from the required assessments for GCSE English Literature. As this material was already completed by our Literature pupils in Year 11, we are asking pupils to decide whether or not they wish to be entered for this examination.

If pupils do not wish to be entered, their mark will be based on their controlled assessment piece on *Macbeth* (20%) and the Poetry and Drama examination they will sit in May/June (50%).

If pupils do wish to sit the Unit 1 examination, their final GCSE result will be based on the higher outcome of either:

- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of their results in Unit 2 and Unit 3; or
- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of all three units.

If they wish to be entered, the responsibility for revision will lie with the pupils.

Therefore, we would ask that all pupils studying English Literature print and return the form overleaf to their English teacher as soon as possible, and by 7th December at the latest.

Obviously, this plan is subject to COVID-restrictions and government advice, and we will endeavour to disseminate information to pupils if and when situations need to change. We appreciate that this is an uncertain and sometimes stressful time for both pupils and families, and we would like to thank you for your patience, and your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Graham
Head of English and Drama

Pupil's name: _____

Form Class: _____

GCSE English Teacher: _____

Please initial beside the appropriate box:

<p>I do wish to be entered for the GCSE Unit 1 English Literature Unit 1 examination (The Study of Prose). I understand that, in doing so, I take responsibility for my own revision for this examination, and commit to attending revision classes before the examination when they have been arranged.</p>	
<p>I do not wish to be entered for the GCSE Unit 1 English Literature Unit 1 examination (The Study of Prose). I understand that my mark will, therefore, be solely based on the Unit 2 examination (The Study of Poetry and Drama) and the Unit 3 Controlled Assessment piece (<i>Macbeth</i>).</p>	

Pupil's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____