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Dear Parents/Carers

Text Decision for AQA English Literature GCSE

Following on from Mrs Davis' letter regarding changes to GCSE and GCE Examinations, we can now provide further detail for GCSE English Literature. Students in Year 11 will now be studying "Macbeth", "An Inspector Calls" and "Power and Conflict Poetry" as their texts for GCSE English Literature. A question on unseen poetry is also compulsory, making the new, adapted examination four elements long instead of five. This is the current position, and may of course change if further announcements are made by the Education Secretary.

The majority of Year 11 students worked hard on "A Christmas Carol" during lockdown and great credit should be given to them for this. They have read a challenging text independently and then produced some high quality work. The skills acquired will be transferable to other elements of the examination.

The mocks in November will test all four elements so we now urge Year 11 to begin their revision of the Anthology Poetry that was taught in Year 10 and also "An Inspector Calls" which was also taught in Year 10. Both mock examinations will be 1hr 45 and will consist of two essay based questions per paper.

Emails will be going to students from me with advice on how to revise for the mocks in the next few days.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the class teacher in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C S R Mann Head of English



