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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers

GCSE English Literature AQA Notice and Final English Language and English Literature Revision Advice

Firstly, we have been asked by AQA to pass on the following information about the GCSE English Literature Paper 2 that is timetabled for 9.00am on Monday 20 May 2024:

For summer 2024 the papers will have the code 8702/2**R** and refer to June 2023 in the footer on the front page...students will need to be aware of this...to make sure there is no confusion. You can <u>read the full update</u> on our website.

We will also post the above information out to students on Google Classroom.

It has also come to our attention that some students have been confused by the fact that the AQA website links to past GCSE Literature question papers that follow a different format to those that they are familiar with (these are the papers dated November 2021 and June 2022 that were adapted in terms of reduced content following the COVID-19 lockdowns).

Full details of the current GCSE Literature paper formats can be found <u>here</u>, with these details reflecting the paper formats that students have been used to in school examinations.

In addition to the above, we have recently become aware of some students using unreliable online sources to support their revision and seeing a subsequent dip in their performance.

We have provided our students with a wealth of revision posts on Google Classroom and will continue to post out revision resources on Classroom in the lead up to each examination. We strongly encourage our students to use this carefully curated bank of revision resources to support their final examination preparation, as opposed to trusting their revision to random online influencers.

Finally, we wish all our students well in terms of their forthcoming GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature examinations.

Yours sincerely

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