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Re: requirements of English GCSE courses

Dear Parent/Carer,

In Year 10, students will begin their preparation for GCSEs in English Language and English Literature. As you may already be aware, the GCSE qualifications in English changed in 2015. One of the main changes is a shift to exam-only assessment, with the removal of a Controlled Assessment or coursework-style element. One effect of this is that the work completed by students in Year 10 will form important revision notes for their exams at the end of Year 11. Furthermore, the texts studied by students in Year 10 are examination texts which will be the focus of their GCSE Literature examination.

The exam board we will be using, AQA, requires students to study three set texts including a modern play, nineteenth century prose and a Shakespeare play. Over the two year course, students will require their own copies of the three texts in order to annotate and make notes in; this will prove vital to their revision of the texts.

The first text that will be required for September 2016 is:

- 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B.Priestley

We recommend the Heinemann hardback version of 'An Inspector Calls' (ISBN 978-0-435232-82-5). However, there is no requirement to purchase this version. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Thank you in advance for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Baroni
Key Stage Four Leader of English