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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that Year 11 students will be sitting their IGCSE English Literature papers in January 2016. Students have already been informed of this and are working towards their Literature exams. The decision has been taken after much thought and discussion about what will bring the best benefits to our students in this important GCSE year. The dates for the exams are: Paper 1 Drama and Prose - 11th January and Paper 2 Unseen Texts and Poetry – 20th January. As this is an International examination, it is essential that students are present on these days. The examination cannot be taken on any days.

The benefits of taking the exams in January are:

- Students will be able to work solidly towards one qualification at a time rather than having to split their study between Literature and Language. The English Language will be consolidated and revised from January onwards
- Students will not have the added distraction of coursework due in from other subjects or being overstretched by the demands of doing many subjects at once
- Results for the January English Literature will be out in March, enabling students to approach colleges with an actual result rather than a prediction
- With one GCSE taken in January, students will be able to focus more fully on summer exams as the load will be spread and hopefully some of the stress relieved

Your son/daughter will receive focused teaching in English lessons towards this English Literature IGCSE, but they will need to do independent revision outside school as well if they are to achieve their target. Revision guides have been on sale and are still available via Scopay at a cost of £2.75 each. Revision sessions will run after half term and there are plans for dedicated study days so that students can hone the skills required and build their knowledge and understanding.

If you have lost your Scopay login details, please contact the finance office for further information. If you have any questions regarding the English Literature IGCSE, please contact either myself or Ms Williams at the school.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Gibbs
Assistant Headteacher