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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to inform you of the current changes and amendments to GCSE English Language in light of OFQUAL guidance.

AQA have made minimal changes to the GCSE English Language qualification and therefore the examined course content remains the same. Students will still need to complete Spoken Word endorsements with their English teacher but these will not undergo the same moderation process as in previous years. Students will continue to sit two papers, both 1 hour 45 minutes in length. Paper 1 will focus on Fiction and Paper 2 on non-fiction.

To support students in preparing for these examinations we have chosen to assess all content previously taught in the November PPE exam series. This means your child will sit the following PPE examinations:

English Language Paper 1 – Explorations in creative reading and writing. This will take place on Wednesday 18th November.

In order for students to fully prepare for their PPEs we recommend that students complete all home learning using video tutorials set on Google Classroom, complete practice creative writing papers and attend all study support sessions which will revise English Language Paper 1.

We hope this information will help you and your child in preparing for the forthcoming GCSE exams. Communication following any further government announcements will be made by the school in due course.

Yours sincerely

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