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Dear parent/guardian,

If you have been following the news, you may be aware that OFQUAL recently announced changes to content of the examinations for the majority of subject areas. Although English Language has not been affected, the English Literature specification and exam format has. The exam board – AQA – and OFQUAL announced that we could cease the teaching of one of the four units (with the exemption of Shakespeare and Unseen Poetry which are compulsory aspects). Taking into consideration the length of time we have spent on specific components and how each component is assessed, we have decided that the best option for pupils at Central is to drop the 19th Century Unit of work. This means that they will **NOT have to revise A Christmas Carol**. All other elements will become the focus for this year; this will allow more time for the revision of the other three units of work.

We hope that you can understand that this decision has been made with the best intentions for all pupils. Unfortunately, we have not been able to release this information sooner due to issues outside of our control. This is an unprecedented time for us all but we hope that this will allow students more time to focus on fewer topics.

The focus for this term is poetry and Shakespeare (Macbeth). We will then have January onwards to hone skills and revise the modern text (An Inspector Calls).

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me via the email at the foot of this page.

Kindest regards and best wishes,

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