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Dear parent/guardian/carer

GCSE English Literature Course

I am writing to you to let you know about a change to your son/daughter's GCSE English Literature course following decisions taken over the weekend by the exam board.

In response to feedback about their decision to make the Poetry Anthology question compulsory, AQA have decided that the poetry anthology will be optional. The compulsory topics for all students are now **Shakespeare** and **Poetry (Unseen only)**.

We have decided that Year 11 will no longer be studying the Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology and will continue their study of the set texts, 'A Christmas Carol', An Inspector Calls, and Romeo and Juliet, as well unseen poetry.

As this element is no longer required, could we ask that the poetry revision guides and workbook supplied during lockdown are returned as soon as possible as these can be used for Year 10. Returned poetry books should be placed neatly on the metal trolley by the main entrance to the Year 11 area.

There are no changes to the GCSE English Language exams.

Please contact your son/daughter's English teacher if you have any additional queries about this change.

Yours sincerely

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