

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that your child will be sitting a mock examination on Tuesday 12th September for English Language.

This is due to the English department's consideration of an alternative exam board having experienced several issues with AQA in the past academic year. I would like to reassure you that despite the switch of exam boards, the skills remain very much the same, and the content of the papers are also very similar. Paper 1 (which they will be completing) consists of reading and responding to a fiction text, and then writing creatively, which is the same for AQA.

Your child will receive detailed input in their English lessons prior to the mock examination and additional guidance materials will be placed on Google Classroom for them to use as their first piece of homework for English this academic year, so your child will be well prepared for this paper.

In addition to this, the paper will be marked externally by an experienced examiner for Eduqas which will provide us with valuable insight into the marking of this paper and next steps prior to the terminal examinations in summer 2024. We believe that this switch will have extremely positive results for your child and the full year group, and as such would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to apply themselves fully in this mock examination.

If you have any questions, please just use the contact details below.

Kind regards,

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