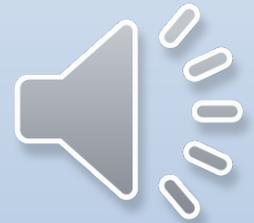


# Year 10 Staggered Entry English Literature

## What does this mean?

- Year 10 students will take their GCSE English Literature exams in June 2021, towards the end of Year 10



## The GCSE Literature exams are:

- Paper 1: An Inspector Calls + A Christmas Carol
- Paper 2: Macbeth + Unseen Poetry

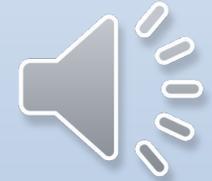
# Why are we doing this?

- **There is evidence that entering students for GCSE English Literature in Year 10 leads to better outcomes**
- This evidence comes from one of our Trust schools in Exeter
- **This school reported a significant positive impact on student wellbeing.** Students found revision easier to manage because they were only preparing for one subject. They felt better prepared for the experience of multiple exams in Year 11. Success in a real GCSE in Year 10 was a confidence boost for the following year.



# Sit the exam whilst teaching is still fresh in your mind

The GCSE Literature texts are taught in Year 9-10. In Year 11, we teach GCSE English Language... **but** you have to keep remembering the plot and quotes of the literature texts you studied a year ago.

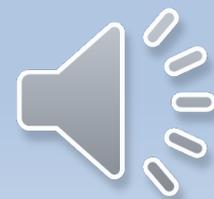


By sitting English Literature in Year 10, you can draw on recent teaching and essay practice. Then, if you're successful, English Literature is done – one less exam to take in Year 11.

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# Gain exam experience

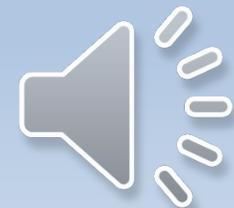
- Preparing for, and sitting one single exam subject in Year 10 is an **apprenticeship** into public exams
- You will only be preparing for a single GCSE in Year 10, which makes the experience less stressful
- The prospect of multiple exams in Year 11 becomes less daunting. You know what to expect AND **you know that you can be successful.**



# 2021 has an additional benefit

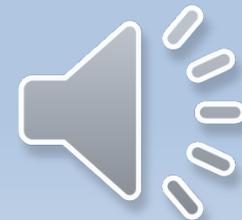
- Students sitting GCSE English Literature in 2021 will have to study **one less text** than other years
- Usually, students study four units. For English Literature in 2021, you only have to study three texts.
- Our Year 10 students will not need to study the Poetry Anthology for GCSE English Literature

*(Please note that this is different to our Year 11 students. 'An Inspector Calls' is the Year 11 'dropped' text)*



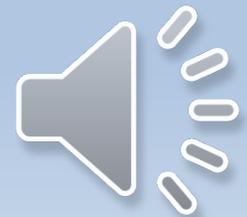
# What if I don't get the grade I wanted?

- It will be possible to resit the exam in Year 11
- We will meet the needs of any student who needs to take GCSE English Literature in 2022
- **We strongly encourage our Year 10 students to give the 2021 exam their best shot.** In Year 11 you will have all of your other GCSEs to manage as well!



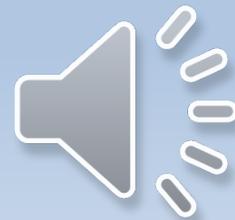
# What is there is another lockdown and schools have to close?

- The wellbeing and mental health of our students is our priority
- In the event of another lockdown where schools close, the decision regarding Year 10 English Literature will be kept under review
- We have not substantially altered our curriculum this year to make Year 10 exam entry possible. The Literature texts always form our Year 10 curriculum.
- We have nothing to lose by going forward with Year 10 exam entry in mind



# We believe you can do this

- We know that our Year 10 students are **motivated** and **hard working**
- We have a curriculum plan designed to give you exam practice and cover everything you need to know
- Your English teachers are excited to work with you and help you to achieve your very best



# How can I learn more?

- Details of a virtual Q&A session to follow soon
- Please contact Mrs Goode, Head of English, with any questions or to discuss anything to do with English.