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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

GCSE English Literature Exam Changes

We are sending this letter to make you aware of the changes being made to the English Literature examinations that your child will sit next year.

Due to the loss of learning time as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, Ofqual have made the decision to allow exam boards to modify their examination structure with the aim of reducing the burden on Year 11 students.

At The Warriner, we follow EDUQAS for GCSE English Literature, and have received confirmation from them about what the exams will look like.

- Paper 1 will be compulsory in its entirety. It will be two hours long and consist of questions on Romeo and Juliet and Blood Brothers.
- Paper 2 will also be two hours long, but schools will choose two out of the three sections. We have taken the decision to cut out Jekyll and Hyde/A Christmas Carol and focus on the anthology and unseen poetry questions.

As Paper 2 now consists of only poetry questions, it allows us a greater opportunity to apply the same skills across the questions and frees us from the distraction of changing focus to a different type of text. Another positive is that the time usually devoted to revising the 19th Century text can now be spent focusing on the other aspects of the course.

It is worth noting that this is a temporary measure applying to next year's exams only and will not affect the curriculum of other year groups.

This is a positive move by Ofqual and EDUQAS in order to benefit a year-group who are in need of support due to the disruption of their learning at one of the most vital points. We hope that you can see the rationale behind the steps we have taken to enable the most positive outcomes for your child and the year-group as a whole.

Kind regards,

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