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Dear Parents

I am writing to advise you of some changes which have taken place to GCSE English.

Students no longer produce coursework in the traditional way. They now sit 'Controlled Assessments' instead. These assessments take place in the classroom under exam conditions in set times. Students cannot take work home with them to draft and re-draft. However, students will still be given practice essays and questions to complete, in order to help them to prepare for the controlled assessments. Students are allowed to have one page of notes to help them but lengthy plans are not allowed. Any texts they use must not have any notes or annotations written on them.

Students will take formal examinations alongside these new controlled assessments in the normal way in January and May of Year 11. Please find listed below the 'Controlled Assessments' which students will be completing this year.

When to be completed	Type of assignment
By Oct Half Term	2 pieces of creative writing
By the end of Year 10	3 speaking and listening assignments
By Christmas	An assignment analysing spoken language use.
By Easter	Literary reading – an analytical essay on a set text.
By May Half Term	An analytical essay on a Shakespeare play and poetry.

We are sure that you will want to support your son or daughter in the completion of this work which is worth 60% of the final GCSE English Language grade and 25% of the final English Literature grade. It does mean that when students have time off from College they could miss an element of one of the assignments, which may have a detrimental impact on their final grade.

If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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