

Re: Changes GCSE English 2011/12

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This term Year 9 will be completing their second controlled assessment for English. Their task is based on the theme of conflict. They will study the play *Romeo and Juliet* and a selection of poetry. This term will be used to prepare students and complete this controlled assessment. This one task is worth 25% of their final GCSE grade.

I would like to stress to parents and students the importance of the controlled assessments. There is **one** opportunity only to complete the controlled assessment. This means that there is no opportunity to redraft work and no opportunity to repeat the task.

Individual teachers will inform parents and students of the exact dates of the controlled assessments. This will be recorded in students' planners, on the website and via text message to parents.

Students need to attend all lessons as the preparation for the controlled assessment is vital for their overall success. Equally, students' attendance during the controlled assessment is of paramount importance. If your child is ill during the controlled assessment times they will need to present a doctor's note to explain their absence.

If you have any further inquiries about the English course and controlled assessments please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's English teacher.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Clegg
Acting Head of English