



# NORLINGTON SCHOOL and 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: AQA GCSE English Literature changes for 2021 exams

You will probably have heard a lot of information regarding changes to the English exam.

Ofqual has decided that GCSE English Literature exams next summer will have reduced subject content. This means that, in summer 2021, students entering for GCSE English Literature (8702) exams will only have to answer questions on three out of four content areas.

The **compulsory** topics for all students will be **Shakespeare (Macbeth)** and **Unseen Poetry**.

Your son will answer a question from two content areas:

- 19<sup>th</sup>-century novel      **(A Christmas Carol)**
- Modern prose/drama    **(An Inspector Calls)**

We want to make it clear that your son **will not** study, or be assessed on, the Anthology of Poetry content. We apologise for the confusion and any inconvenience caused – any resources purchased will still help your son to master skills needed for Unseen Poetry.

## Mock Exams

The mock exams will take place **from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Your son will be assessed in both English Language and English Literature, completing the following papers:

- **AQA** English Literature – An Inspector Calls and Unseen Poetry      (1hr 45m)
- **Edexcel** English Language – Non-fiction and Transactional Writing      (2hr 05m)

Please try to ensure that your son revises adequately for both exams. Here is a list of helpful revision websites:

- Edexcel website for Language materials
- AQA website for Literature materials
- BBC Bitesize English – AQA and Edexcel
- *Mr Bruff* YouTube videos for An Inspector Calls and Unseen Poetry
- *Clare's Class* YouTube videos for Edexcel Language Paper 1 and 2

Thank you so much for your support.

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