



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

Headteacher: Mrs J Warburton

8th December 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

The English Department have made the decision to enter all pupils in Year 10 for their GCSE English Literature this summer (May 2017). Details of the examinations are outlined below:

	Exam Focus	Date	Start Time	Length
Component 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Christmas Carol (Charles Dickens)• Macbeth (William Shakespeare)	Monday 22 nd May 2017	9.00am	1hr 45mins
Component 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blood Brothers (Willy Russell)• Love & Relationships Poetry (Anthology)• Unseen Poetry	Friday 26 th May 2017	9.00	2hr 15mins

Entering pupils early for their GCSE English Literature has been a strategy employed by the department for the last 3 years. It has proven to be very successful and it reduces the stress on pupils in Year 11 when they will sit significantly more examinations. Last year 85% of our cohort entered for this examination achieved grades A*-C. This represented outstanding progress for pupils; their results were significantly above the national average.

In order to prepare your child for the demands of this examination they will undertake mock literature examinations immediately after the Christmas break. Component 1 is scheduled for Monday 9th January and Component 2 will take place on Thursday 12th January 2017.

Your child has been provided with revision materials that they should now be using to support their preparation for these important examinations. Many of these resources can be accessed via the English department website cnhsenglishdept.wordpress.com. Please encourage your child to utilise these resources.

Thankyou for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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