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Dear Parent/Carer

## English at The JCB Academy

The English Team would like to welcome back your son/daughter into Y11.

Below we have provided a brief overview of the GCSE English Language and Literature courses and how we will be working in class to prepare our learners for their GCSE examinations set out by the **Eduqas WJEC** examination board.

Firstly, we would like to outline the **details** of the exam system:

- Qualification is un-tiered (one paper - no foundation and higher)
- Qualification is assessed by examination only (no coursework)
- Graded 1 to 9

At The JCB Academy we are teaching English Literature and English Language to **all** of our learners as we believe that the skills to pass each exam are interchangeable and offer a broader scope of study and achievement. A detailed breakdown of the exam structure is attached.

We would like to emphasise the importance of working to the best of their ability, in order to support the learners in their preparations the department provides revision materials on Google Classroom every Monday, this work is designed to help with embedding skills and practicing GCSE style tasks. We strongly advise our learners to engage with the set tasks. Additionally, please find useful revision website links at the bottom of this letter.

We hope that you will find the above useful and would like to thank you for your support. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's English teacher.

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Yours sincerely

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# EDUQAS ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LITERATURE SPECIFICATION : EXAMINATIONS

English Language	English Literature
<p><b><u>Component 1</u></b></p> <p><b>20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing</b></p> <p>Written examination: 2 hours 40% of qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Section A (20%): Reading</b> Understanding of one prose extract (about 60-100 lines) of literature from the 20th century assessed through a range of structured questions</li> <li>• <b>Section B (20%): Prose writing</b> One creative writing task selected from a choice of four titles</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Component 1</u></b></p> <p><b>Shakespeare and Poetry</b></p> <p>Written examination: 2 hours 40% of qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Section A (20%): Shakespeare - <i>Macbeth</i></b> One extract question and one essay question based on the reading of <i>Macbeth</i> (covered currently)</li> <li>• <b>Section B (20%): Poetry from 1789 to the present day</b> Two questions based on poems from the Eduqas <i>Poetry Anthology</i>, one of which involves comparison</li> <li>• <b>Section C (20%): Unseen poetry from the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> century</b> Two questions on unseen poems, one of which involves comparison</li> </ul> <p><b>Learners are not permitted to take copies of the set texts into any of the examinations.</b></p>
<p><b><u>Component 2</u></b></p> <p><b>19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing</b></p> <p>Written examination: 2 hours 60% of qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Section A (30%): Reading</b> Understanding of two extracts (about 900-1200 words in total) of high-quality non-fiction writing, one from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the other from the 21<sup>st</sup> century, assessed through a range of structured questions</li> <li>• <b>Section B (30%): Writing</b> Two compulsory transactional/persuasive writing tasks</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Component 2</u></b></p> <p><b>Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Prose and Unseen Poetry</b></p> <p>Written examination: 2 hours and 30 minutes 60% of qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Section A (20%): Post-1914 prose/drama <i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding (covered in Y10)</b> One source-based question on a post-1914 prose/drama on <i>The Woman in Black</i> or <i>Lord of the Flies</i></li> <li>• <b>Section B (20%): 19<sup>th</sup> century prose <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens</b> One source-based question on a 19<sup>th</sup> century prose text from <i>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i> (covered in Y10)</li> </ul>

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<p><b><u>Component 3</u></b></p> <p>Spoken Language</p> <p>Non-exam assessment</p> <p><b>Unweighted</b></p> <p>One presentation/speech, including responses to questions and feedback</p> <p>Achievement in Spoken Language will be reported as part of the qualification, but it will not form part of the final mark and grade</p>	<p><u>There are possible changes to the make-up of the papers, which are currently under consultation. These changes will be communicated to schools in October, once this happened I will relay the information to parents/carers.</u></p>

Useful revision websites:

Eduqas past papers and practice materials for language:

[https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-language-gcse/#tab\\_overview](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-language-gcse/#tab_overview)

Eduqas past papers and practice materials for literature:

[https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-literature-gcse/#tab\\_overview](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-literature-gcse/#tab_overview)

Macbeth revision: <https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/macbeth/>

Macbeth lessons: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/revisiting-macbeth-91c7>

Poetry Anthology lessons: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/eduqas-poetry-c678>

Macbeth analysis videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=Mr+bruff+macbeth+re](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Mr+bruff+macbeth+re)

A Christmas Carol analysis videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=mr+bruff+a+christmas+carol](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mr+bruff+a+christmas+carol)

Lord of the Flies analysis videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=mr+bruff+lord+of+the+flies](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mr+bruff+lord+of+the+flies)

Language paper 1 videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=eduqas+language+paper+1](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=eduqas+language+paper+1)

Language paper 2 videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=eduqas+language+paper+2](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=eduqas+language+paper+2)

