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Dear parent/carer

Year 10 progress to date

I am writing to inform you of the progress made by year 10 students regarding their English Language and English Literature GCSEs. As previously informed, recent changes in WJEC English GCSE specification in Wales and early entry has resulted in a change of teaching topics and examinations. All students will be studying English Language in year 10 and year 11. The majority of students will be studying English Literature in year 10 and year 11.

Due to the nature of the course, the variety of topics needed to be covered and the need for students to write with grammatical accuracy, your child's progress has been monitored closely by their teacher. Your child has been identified as a student that needs additional language lessons in order to support them with grammatical accuracy, spelling or reading. As a result, your child will not be entered for the English Literature exam in May 2018. The additional teaching time used to prepare students for this examination will now be dedicated to developing your child's reading and writing skills. This is to ensure they develop the necessary skills needed for the English Language exam which they will sit at the end of year 11 in June 2019.

Below you will find an outline of the English Language course to further clarify.

English Language

Unit 1: Recorded speaking and listening to be completed in school.

Task 1: Individual Presentation (10%) **Students have already completed this task.**

Task 2: Group Discussion (10%) **To be completed in year 11 (November 2018).**

Unit 2: Description / Narration / Exposition 2 hour exam in Summer 2019 (Year 11)

Section A: Reading 1 hour.

Section B: Writing 1 hour to write one piece of writing.

Unit 3: Argumentation, Persuasion and Instructional 2 hour exam in Summer 2019 (year 11)

Section A: Reading 1 hour.



Section B: Writing 1 hour to write two pieces of writing.

As a result, year 10 have already completed 10% of their English Language GCSE. The remaining 90% will be completed in year 11. All English Language exams will be taken in June 2019.

English Language	To be completed in year 10	To be completed in year 11
Unit 1- Task 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Unit 1- Task 2		November 2018
Unit 2- Exam		June 2019
Unit 3- Exam		June 2019

As you can see from the breakdown of the course, your child will face two 2 hour exams totalling 80% of their final GCSE in the summer year 11 (June 2019). In order to support them with preparing for this, your child will be developing exam skills and taking a series of mock examinations throughout year 10.

Please feel free to contact us if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Glover