



St Catherine's, Bramley

U5 - Confirmation of Change to the English Literature IGCSE examined content

28 January 2022

Dear U5 Parents and Guardians,

In November I wrote to let you know that we intended to apply for a component exemption from the June 2022 IGCSE exams, in light of the impact of Covid-19.

I am now pleased to confirm that the component exemption has been granted.

The component exemption means that the girls will only be examined on three texts this summer, across two separate exams: 'Nineteen Eighty-Four' and the poems from the IGCSE Anthology (the Prose and Poetry paper), and 'Journey's End' (the Drama paper). They will not be examined on 'Twelfth Night'.

The component exemption will therefore have an impact on the Drama paper: for a start, this paper will only test 'Journey's End', so it will be 45 minutes in length rather than 90 minutes; secondly, it will now take the form of an Open Book assessment. All pupils will be provided with a new, clean copy of the play for this Open Book test, on the understanding that having the text in the exam room with them will not be a substitute for thorough and careful revision of key quotations.

Even though the component *Literature in English Opt BY: 0992/42 Unseen* on the 19th May 2022 will be visible on the girls' exam timetable, they will not be taking it. They will **only** sit 0992/32 Drama (Open Text) that morning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hannah Simcock

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