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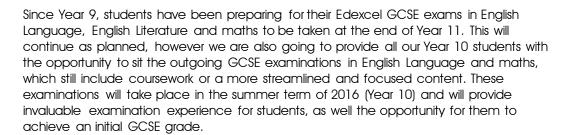
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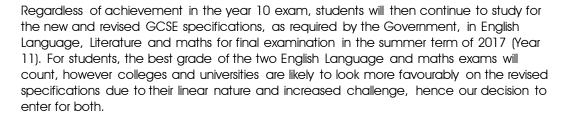
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04 September 2015 Dear Parent/Guardian

## All Year 10 English and maths classes

As you will be aware we are currently in a situation where GCSE exams are continually changing and steadily increasing in challenge. In order to provide your son/daughter with the best possible GCSE outcomes we are going to marginally revise the route that they will follow from September 2015.



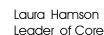


The increased content and level of challenge of the new GCSEs will make it very difficult for students to be successful if they leave their revision until just before the exam. Instead students should begin their revision and revisiting of the knowledge and skills being learnt in class from this point on, using homework and study clubs to assist their revision and understanding, as well as gaining support in any areas of difficulty.

In order to support students in developing their familiarity with the examination skills, knowledge and processes, we ask that every student owns a personal copy of the books required for the English Language and Literature exams and have a scientific calculator for use in maths lessons and the eventual maths exams. Owning these items will enable students to practise what they have learnt in class at regular intervals in order to ensure their readiness for their GCSE examinations.

We are very excited about adapting to this exam route for students and the opportunities and benefits that it will offer them. If you have any questions about this or anything else related to the English or maths GCSEs please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully























The qualifications students will gain:

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August 2016 – exams	Cambridge iGCSE English	Current grading system of			
taken June 2016	Language; Edexcel GCSE	A* - G			
	in mathematics				
August 2017 – exams	Edexcel new specification	New grading system of 9 -			
taken June 2017	GCSE English Language;	1			
	Edexcel new specification				
	GCSE English Literature;				
	Edexcel new specification				
	GCSE mathematics				

Details of the texts required for students, depending on their English class, and the required standard of scientific calculator. If you would prefer to order these through the school please return the slip to reception with a £5 deposit.

Class	20 <sup>th</sup> Century Drama	Pre 1914 Prose	Shakespeare	Scientific Calculator
DMO	An Inspector Calls – Heinemann Plays	Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen – Wordsworth Classics	Twelfth Night – Oxford School Shakespeare	
LHA, KDY, CSP, HBO	An Inspector Calls – Heinemann Plays	The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson – Wordsworth Classics	Romeo and Juliet – Oxford School Shakespeare	
RPE, STO	An Inspector Calls – Heinemann Plays	The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson – Wordsworth Classics	Macbeth – Oxford School Shakespeare	Sharp EL-531 WH

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Name:		

## Mentor Group:

Please order my son / daughter's texts and calculator through the school. I enclose a £5 deposit and will pay the rest on receipt of the items.

Signed:

Parent / Guardian