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Dear Parents/ Carers,

RE: GCSE English

As you are aware, your child is coming to the end of their secondary school studies. The provisional exam timetables indicate that your child has approximately 24 teaching weeks until the start of the examination period.

All students in year 11 have been preparing for a GCSE in both English language and English literature. Strong GCSEs in English Language and Literature are likely to be prerequisites when your child comes to apply for future educational establishments, apprenticeships or employment. It is therefore crucial that we enable your child to be as successful as they can be within English language and literature.

Children at Washington Academy have historically been entered to the AQA exam board for their English qualifications. This academic year, we will be making a shift to a new exam board. Students will therefore be assessed by the EDUQAS exam board.

The reason for this shift is that we believe the way EDUQAS present their assessment material is more accessible to students, meaning your child can demonstrate their knowledge and understanding within the examination more effectively.

Please be reassured that this is a change in how your child is being assessed and not a change to what your child is being taught. Everything your child has studied so far will be assessed on the EDUQAS examinations. There is no need for your child to be taught new or additional content.

Should you have any further questions around this please feel free to contact our main reception by email on Washingtonenquiries@consilium-at.com.

Yours sincerely,

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