



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted that we are now able to work with our Year 11 students directly. They are already working hard on their English Language skills and on revising their Shakespeare texts in preparation for the English Literature examinations at the end of this year.

Ofqual announced earlier in the summer that, while Shakespeare would be compulsory in the 2021 English Literature examinations, Year 11 students would be able to drop one of the texts that (in normal circumstances) they would need to prepare for their English Literature examinations. This was in the light of the long Lockdown which affected teaching and learning. After a long period of negotiation, the AQA examining board have announced that the English Literature papers for 2020 will be as follows:

Paper 1 – Choose Any Two	Paper 2 - Compulsory
<b>Paper 1A:</b> Anthology Poetry Comparison (30 Marks)	<b>Section A:</b> Shakespeare (34 Marks)
<b>Paper 1B:</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Novel (30 Marks)	
<b>Paper 1C:</b> Modern Prose/Drama (30 Marks)	<b>Section B:</b>
	Unseen Poem Essay (28 Marks)
	Unseen Poetry Comparison (8 Marks)

At St Mary's, the English teachers have taken a great deal of time and thought in weighing up which texts to proceed with for the Paper 1 examination at the end of the year. It has not been an easy decision. We have taken in to consideration the pressure of time, the impact of the Covid-19 Lockdown and, most importantly, the texts which will allow students in each class to perform to their best. It has been decided that students will study the following texts:

Teacher	Texts to be studied
<b>Miss Booth</b>	'Macbeth', Anthology Poetry: 'Love and Relationships', 'An Inspector Calls'
<b>Miss Calladine</b>	'Romeo and Juliet', 'Jekyll and Hyde', 'DNA'
<b>Mrs Evans</b>	'Macbeth', Anthology Poetry: 'Love and Relationships', 'Frankenstein'
<b>Mr Flinton</b>	'Macbeth', Anthology Poetry: 'Power and Conflict', 'An Inspector Calls'
<b>Miss Hobson</b>	'Macbeth', Anthology Poetry: 'Power and Conflict', 'DNA'
<b>Miss Humphrey</b>	'Macbeth', Anthology Poetry: 'Power and Conflict', 'Frankenstein'
<b>Mrs James</b>	'Macbeth', 'A Christmas Carol', 'Pigeon English'
<b>Mrs Shaw</b>	'Macbeth', 'An Inspector Calls', 'Jekyll and Hyde'
<b>Mrs Taylor</b>	'Macbeth', Anthology Poetry: 'Power and Conflict', 'DNA'

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To support our students' learning further, we are offering reduced-price copies of revision guides for each text as well as for English Language for purchase via your ParentPay account. These will be available to order from Monday 12 October until Friday 23 October.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's English teacher with any questions about your child's learning in English.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "r".

**Mrs E Taylor**  
**Head of English**